Duly 2304 2d

New Orleans 2d. Jany 1836.

At sight of this my first of Exchange, Second of the same tenor & date unpaid. pay to the order of Martin Gordon Jr Cashr of the Union Bank Louisiana the sum of Two thousand three Hundred & four Dollars Ninety one Cents. for value received and Charg the same as this day advised and oblge

Your Obt. Servant

Martin Gordon Jun

Commissioner &c

(Signed)

To R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

of the U. S. Philada.

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Branch Mint N. Orleans
Jany 3rd 1838.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Sir

I have enclosed to you a draft for five hundred & five dollars subject to the order of the following named persons viz:

John Moody	$20	for his wife	
Wm D Johnson	50	" " "	W
Chs H Moore	50	for Augustus B. Davis	W
Saml. McNamee	100	" his wife	W
Mahlon J Gallagher	100	" " "	W
Chs. Scheide	80	" " "	W
Jas. Dunfee	25	" " "	
Owen D. Bird	50	" " "	W
M P. Denney	30	" Edwin R. Fulton	
	$505		

I remain your faithful Sv.
C Dme: Norvell

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Chambers Mc Kibbin Esq.
Acting Director U.S. Mint

Sir,

In the letter of Treas.r Spinner, accompanying a deposit for coinage of silver bars, he requests an opinion in regard to the original form and character of this silver, so far as can be gathered merely from the bars themselves.

They come to us in three shapes; first, the dissevered links from a triple mould, which we at once recognize as a mint mould, and easily assign to the Branch Mint at New Orleans: secondly, small bars, also of mint shape, for issue as commercial bars; thirdly bars with flanges, such as are from moulds for melting block tin, and perhaps other metals; which shape we do not use, and did not send to the Branch Mint, although it is very convenient for lifting.

As for the composition of the bars, it will be seen by our report of assays just finished, that

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they are nearly all fine silver, in the commercial sense, two or three being considerably below that grade. None of them are ~~absolutely~~ actually fine, in the Mint sense, which contemplates chemical purity. They generally contain a mere trace of gold, and one of them had nearly enough to come up to the line of reporting. Most of them showed on solution in nitric acid, a considerable proportion of the native sulphuret of silver; a pretty strong indication that these small bars were melts from the larger ones which come direct from the mines to the mint, and are often in this partly unreduced state. The bars were melted in such style as showed either haste, or want of skill or care. On the whole, this silver was probably from the mines of Mexico, and certainly not from any refinery.

Very respectfully

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

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Treas.

Edmund Forstall Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Jan. 7, 1838.

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F. A. P.

Hon. R. M. Patterson &c &c

Director Mint

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Branch Mint New-Orleans
7th January 1838

Sir,

Enclosed please receive the Citizens Bank's check for five hundred dollars, which are to be paid to the order of the following named persons to wit:

$ 300 to Adam Eckfeldt Esqr.
" 100 to Mrs Elizabeth Tyler
" 100 to Mr. C. P. Brown's order.
$ 500.

I remain respectfully
Sir,
Your most ob. Servant
Edm: Forstall
Treasurer of Br. Mint.

To
R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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Branch Mint New-Orleans
7th January 1838

Sir,

Enclosed please receive the Citizens Bank's check for five hundred dollars, which are to be paid to the order of the following named persons to wit:

$ 300 to Adam Eckfeldt Esqr.
100 to Mrs Elizabeth Tyler
100 to Mr E. H. Brooks order
$ 500.

I remain respectfully
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Edm: Forstall
Treasurer of Br. Mint.

To
Robt M. Patterson Esqr.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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Mint of the United States.
Jan. 8th, 1838.

Sir,

On the 27th ult. I received your letter of the 18th, and I to-day received a letter from Mr. Maxwell, of the 30th. — I am happy to find that you are all in your places, and that you are using your exertions to set the Mint in operation. I need not say how important it is that you should commence coining at as early a day as possible. — The error in the position of the engine is much to be regretted; but while that the alterations which this has required are going forward, you can be usefully employed in the other preliminary arrangements. I hope, in particular, that the Masons whom I engaged for you are, by this time, in New Orleans, and that you are putting up the furnaces.

When Jno. Gordon was in Philadelphia last, we had a full understanding on the subject of the piping of the Mint which is now going up, and which, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, it was agreed to devote for the residence of the Officers, and particularly of the Superintendent. The exterior appearance of the original plan was not to be interfered with; but the interior was to be arranged and finished in a manner suited

to it new destinations. Gen Gordon told me that as the domestic arrangements of the New Orleans were very different from ours here, he could have the plans of the interior made there, without the possibility of any proceeding now drawing. — I am instructed to have from Mr. Mansell, that the building is now going forward without regard to this change of destination. Is this so? I take to consult Gen Gordon in the subject.

Tell Mr. Mansell and Mr. Root that their messages respecting the jail, furnaces, and wells shall be immediately attended to.

May I take the liberty of begging that you will be extremely cautious as to the character of the clerks whom you shall employ. They have a high trust reposed in them, and will be subjected to great temptations, if they are not men of virtuous principles and steady habits. — Gen Gordon possesses my confidence and that of the Government in a high degree, and he knows New Orleans and its people well. May I suggest that it would be very advisable to consult with him as to the selection of clerks?

Many of the workmen sent from here, have left wives and families behind them, and have promised to send part of the wages, to pay care, for their use. Let me beg that the Treasurer when you may see will furnish them any facility for this purpose. I have to inform Messrs Johnson, Gillespie, and McCready, that their wives have him at my office this morning to make inquiry on the subject.

I pray you to give my best respects to Gen Gordon and your fellow officers of the Mint. I look upon your proceedings with great interest and anxiety.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. P

To
David Bradford Esq.
Supt. the Mint
New Orleans.

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Mint of the United States.
Jan. 12th, 1838.

Dear Sir,

A draft, at sight, dated the 3d inst., for something more than $2000, was presented to me to-day by the Girard Bank. I had no advice from you ~~on the subject~~ with regard to it, & am utterly unable to conceive for what it could be drawn, — and I am without government funds to meet it. I have accordingly been under the necessity of declining to pay it, until I hear from you, or, at all events, until I can draw funds from Washington. I regret, exceedingly, that you should have drawn without giving me advice on the subject, & without even naming the object on the face of the bill draft. It has been put into the hands of the notaries for protest, and I have been without means to prevent this dishonor.

R. M. P.

Wm. Martin Gardner,
Cash. Br. Mint, N. Orleans.

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Mint of the United States.
Jan. 13th, 1838.

Sir,

I presented to me yesterday
The Girard Bank, a draft, of which
a copy is appended to this letter, and
I was under the very painful necessity
of declining to accept it, — first, because
the advice mentioned on the face of it had
not been received, — secondly, because the
draft was entirely unexpected, and no one
I conceive on what account it is drawn, —
thirdly, because I was unprovided with
funds to meet it. The draft has accord-
ingly been protested, but is held by the
Bank until I can receive the expected
advice from Gen. Gaston. I have claimed
this delay as a right, inasmuch as the
draft was sent by the expected mail,
and that Bank had a right to expect that the
advice from Gen. Gaston should be sent
otherwise than by the ordinary mail.

I have now no funds of the Northern
Branch to meet this draft, however cor-
rect it may prove; and until it be on
account of the payment of wages, there
are no funds of that Branch in the Treas-
ury. I am apprehensive, therefore, of

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of great embarrassment and mortification from this source. May I respectfully pray for your advice and instructions, under these circumstances?

P. M. P.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec'y of Treasury.

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New Orleans Jany 15 1838

Dr R M Patterson

Director of the U S Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Our Mexican friends who are the owners of an extensive Copper Mine of a very superior quality having forwarded us samples with the view of our making an effort of obtaining a contract with the U States Mint here for the supply of any quantity that might be requisite, we have called on Dr Baldwin & Col Bradford for that purpose who inform us that they will scarcely be in operation before two months, and have recommended us to send you a bar or two of the different descriptions that you might make a trial, we consequently now send through our friend C P Rey Esqr of your City two Bars one marked x 1 which is of the best Mine and is known to possess superior qualities to any other in Mexico and has heretofore brought as high as $ 1 hop 100 lbs at the mint of the City of Mexico for alloying Silver & Gold the other marked x 3 is of a more brittle character, we consequently would ask the favor of you having them assayed and if in

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your power make us an offer for a contract of
any quantity you might require deliverable at
any given point in the U States price &c as shou
the price suit them we might agree to furnish it
since they have found a ready sale for all they
could get out in Mexico without seeking o
foreign markets, but that government having
become so careless of its contracts of late that
they are unwilling to rely on it, in future, for the
value of the last Cont you will please to acce
to M. Reif.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servts
J. Pleasants Jr

PS. You would oblige us by giving Dr Bacon
your opinion of its quality taken existing to them

Shipped, *in good order and well conditioned, by the* Director [redacted] **of the Mint,** *in and upon the good* Barque Ellen Rand *whereof is Master for this present voyage* Kent *and now in the River Delaware, and bound for* New Orleans

One Box. of Mdze

Branch Mint
of the United States
New Orleans.

Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and to be delivered on the Levee *in the like good order, and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of* New Orleans — *(the danger of the Seas only excepted,) unto* the Branch Mint at New Orleans *or to Assigns;* [redacted] *they paying Freight for the said Goods.*

One Dollar Mdze Troy Jr

In witness whereof, *the Master or Purser of said hath affirmed to* three *Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.*

PHILADELPHIA, January 15. 1838

Samuel Wurtz

$1.05

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Treasury Department
June 26. 1838.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 13th. instant, I have to state, that the Department is not informed on what account the draft for $2304.91 was drawn on you by the Commissioner of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

There is a balance under each head of appropriation for that branch sufficient to meet the draft. You may therefore assure the holders, that it will be paid as soon as advice shall be received from Mr. Gordon with interest, if required, for the time it shall lie over.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your annual report, for which please accept my thanks.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt.
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

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New Orleans, 3d February 1838.

Sir,

Enclosed please receive the Citizens Bank check on the Philadelphia Bank for $170.– which are to be paid to the following named persons or their orders. viz:

$30 – to the wife of John Moody
$40 – to " " of W. D. Johnson.
$50 to " " of Saml Mc Names
$50 to " " of A. Bastian
$170–

I am respectfully
Sir,
Your faithful servant
Edm. Forstall
Treas. Br. Mint

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasurers Office Br. Mint
New Orleans 13th Feb. 1838

Hon: Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir,

In the absence of Mr. Bradford, the Superintendent of this Mint, who is severely indisposed, I would beg leave to state that under the impression that a fund would be provided by the Government, for the purpose of Making available the Treasurer's receipt after the value of a deposit had been ascertained by assay, some of the Merchants of this City have procured large supplies of Bullion from Mexico, which they wish to deposit in the Mint, but which, if there is no fund provided, or other regulation adopted whereby the Treasurer's receipt can be used for the current purposes of Trade, will pass into the hands of the Merchants Bank here, whence it will be transmitted to Mr. Biddle at Philadelphia. The assayers, & Melter & Refiner's departments are now ready for business, & the Coiner will be ready by the 1st. of March.

I would further take the liberty of remarking that the sum of $10.000 written for by Mr. Bradford on the ult: has not arrived, & that the preliminary operations of the Mint are much impeded from the want of

of funds, – Mr. Gordon would advance for us temporarily, if a draft which he lately drew on Dr. Patterson for about $ 2000, had not been protested

I remain very respectfully,
Your. Obt. Servt.
(signed) Edm. Forstall
To Br. Mist New Orleans

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Mint U S
Feb. 13th 1838

Sir,

It has been my long since I have had from you on the subject of the Branch Mint committed to your charge; your letter of the 27th of December Let me thus pray you to satisfy my anxiety by imparting to me your present conditions. I have not even been informed of the arrival of the Marcus charged with the erection of the furnaces, which I had hoped before this time to hear of their having made considerable progress in their work. I wish to ask the different officers whether they find any thing necessary for their operations, which has been received from here at the Mint. A circumstance mentioned to me this morning makes me doubt whether they have their adjusting balances. The beams, ordered in France Paris, are now on their way to New York.

I wrote on the 12th inst., by express Mail, to Gen. Gordon, requesting a

draft on me which had been granted that day, and ~~on the subject~~ with regard to which he had given me no advice. The draft still lies over; but no advice from him has been received. Pleas to make inquiry of him as to this unpleasant business.

In your report I must pray you to ~~let~~ give me an estimate of the time when you think you can commence operations.

R. M. P.

To/
David Bradford Esq.
Supt. Bu. Mint,
New Orleans.

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Treasurers Office
Br Mint N. Orleans 13 feb 1838

Dr R M Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir. In consequence of not receiving funds written for, some time since which were expected a week or ten days ago, & apprehending from the loss & failures of the mails a detention which would not only be a great inconvenience to Mr Barrett, but occasion a loss to the Government of ten dollars p day, I have with the approbation of the officers, in the absence of Mr Bradford who is severely ill, taken the liberty of drawing on you at three days sight for the amount due to Mr Barrett. As I consider this step a case of necessity, I trust you will

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not suffer the bill to be protested for if you deem it an improper irregularity, I will reimburse you by the Express Mail out of our funds as soon as we shall receive them, & after this, knowing by experience that we must allow more time when we write to the Secretary of the Treasury, than we have hitherto done, I believe that such necessity as the present will not exist again — This will be despatched by the Express Mail, & should the step I have taken not be approved by you I will thank you to write to inform me of the same by the Express Mail, when it may be possible for me to meet the draft in Philadelphia, before the arrival of the men —

The draft is for seven hundred & ten dollars of which five hundred & sixty are due to Mr Barnett, & one hundred & fifty to Wm Bates — Mr Barnetts act amounted to $710 — but he has been paid $150 — on account leaving a balance of $560 due to him as above —

Remain respectfully

Your Obt Servt —

Edwd Worsley

Quarr Br. Mont. N. G.

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New Orleans Branch Mint
Feb. 14th 1838

Sir

I have the honor to inform you in relation to my duties in this Institution that I am progressing as fast with the preparatory arrangements and fixtures belonging to my Department as the circumstances under which we labour, will permit — That I am not at this moment ready for active operation must be attributed to the condition in which we found the Building and the machinery which had been misplaced by Mr Hope — As it is expect to be able to do something at coming before the end of march — I should be glad to have a few pair of Dies for the half Dollars, and for Dimes and half Dimes, as I am preparing the largest and the smallest Presses to commence upon —

The Bill of Lading for the brass castings has been handed me but the Vessel has not yet arrived — The Adjusting Ballances ordered from Mr Francis have not been received but will soon be required, I have to request therefore that you will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made concerning them and if convenient have them sent on

My large Ballances for weighing Silver Coins, Blanchets &c. and another for the Adjusting Room are also wanting —

In addition to the foregoing requests, I beg leave to suggest that it appears to me highly important that I should have fair samples of all the Coins intended to be struck at this Branch

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furnished by the Mother Mint — they would be immediately useful to me

I have been under the disagreeable necessity of my Foreman Washington Jackson — Mr. has disappointed me exceedingly, for though once as good a Journeyman as I could desire, he is now conceited, faithless, and incompetent as a Foreman

Mr Maxwell has also been under the necessity of discharging some of his men for insubordination and that open spirit of rebellion which is subversive of all authority, and which if not crushed in the bud would render it impossible to carry on the business of the Mints in such a place as Philada

In the absence of our Superintendent who is confined by severe indisposition, and not having received our funds from Washington which were written for early in the last month, We advised Mr Forstall to draw on you in favour of Mr Barnett in order to get rid of him and his men believing them to be among the prime movers and instigators of all the mischief that has occurred — Happily the firmness and independent course of the Officers has resulted in the establishment of order and a good understanding with the men generally, although at one time we were in danger of a more extensive loss, unless we were willing to submit to such Regulations as the disaffected portion aided by Messrs Barnett &c should think proper to dictate — There still remain amongst my common hands one dangerous man whose place can be much more worthily filled as soon as the departure of these men shall have rendered it prudent to dismiss him — You will have from Mr Maxwell a more particular account of

of the conduct of the disorganizers among us, together with a Copy of the Rules which we thought proper to adopt and which were dictated by the kindest feelings of regard for the interests and convenience of the Men, in view of all the circumstances of the case —

As soon as the funds written for a review the account of the Draft will be forwarded to you — We get hope we may be in time to anticipate the arrival of the Men and the presentation of the Drafts —

The Melting & Refining, and the Assaying departments are I believe nearly ready to commence operation, and we have had the offer of a Deposit of five or six thousand dollars to await the time of beginning to Coin, but could not receive it for want of the means of ascertaining its value

Dr Hunt wishes me to say that he has a Balance to weigh with, or graduated measures with which to determine the volumes of his solutions as pointed out by Gay Lussac and Chaudet, but that he will do the best he can in the absence of them

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Robert Taylor
Coiner

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Hon'd Asahel Bayless &c
Com'r Mint &c
New Orleans.
Aug 14/38.
Rec'd 27th

{Express Mail}

To/ Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
{Express Mail} Pa

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New Orleans February 16th 1838.

Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director of the US Mint.

Sir

About the time of my leaving Philadelphia I made an arrangement with Mr Eckfeldt to furnish us with a scale beam and weights, which were to be adjusted by Mr Saxon and sent out immediately. As we have not received them, I think it probable they have been forgotten, and being unsuccessful in my endeavours to procure them here, it is important they be shipped by the first opportunity. It would oblige me if One or two barrels of bone ashes are sent at the same time.

As many of the jars received from Baltimore are imperfect, Mr Pratt would do me a favour by giving an order for six of the larger kind.

It might be advisable that an arrangement be made at the mint for a supply of copper for alloy, there being but little to be had here, and that of an inferior quality.

Mr Tyler in his last communication to You, Stated that I was under the disagreeable necessity of discharging Robert Ford, One of the Melters, for frequent and open violation of the rules of the Mint. At the same time I told Anthony Bastian and Henry Helms, who had just returned from a grog shop during business hours, that on a repetition of the act, they should also be discharged. Believing their

services indispensable they went off with Tod me doubt under the impression that I would receive them on their own terms. But for the sake of good order I judged it expedient to supply their places immediately by securing the services of men of most unexceptionable character, and who so far have proved themselves superior as workmen. It was not until we had frequently consulted together, & suffered much anxiety as to consequences, that we decided on what course to pursue. And it appears from the good effect produced on the remaining workmen that our decision was correct. I should not deem it necessary to be this explicit if I had not good reason for judging that false representations will be made by the men, and Mr Bassett whose conduct has been very commendable on their return. But I am happy in believing that your views with regard to discipline coincide with ours, and that you will at once see the necessity of our acting with promptness and decision in such a place as New Orleans, where any departure from strict rule would inevitably lead to evil consequences. It is a matter of notoriety here that men who come here bearing good characters for steadiness and sobriety often become dissipated from the many temptations to which they are exposed. I send a copy of the rules which you will perceive will require modifications as soon as we commence the regular business operations. That you may judge how far the men had cause to feel aggrieved by their enforcement.

Article 1. Until further orders, the men will commence work at half past Seven Oclock in the morning.

Article 2. At noon the bell will be rung for dinner.

Article 3. At One Oclock the bells will ring for work to be resumed.

Article 4. At five P.M. the bell will be rung for the dismission of the men for the day excepting that on Saturdays the hour of dismission will be three Oclock.

Article 5. The men on their arrival will report themselves to the foreman.

Article 6. The foreman will note in a book kept for the purpose, the absence of any workman at the regular hours. He will also note the time of said workman's arrival.

Article 7. No man during regular working hours shall leave the Mint without permission of his Officer. And in his absence of the foreman of his department.

I should be pleased to hear that the draft in favour of Mr Eskridge was paid.

Dr Hart & myself were satisfied with Mr Bassett's conduct. I repeated to the Superintendant my readiness to recommence business the 20th last month.

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Mr Bradford & Mr Sybis dwellings are almost complete
And the wall enclosing the mint commenced.
Please give my respects to all the Officers and believe
me to be Your Humble & Obt Servt.
Jams Maxwell.

Express Mail
PAID

Doctor R.M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Jams Maxwell Esq
Chief Clerk Treasury Dept
Washington
Dec 16/38
Rec 17th

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Treasurer's Office U.S. Mint
New Orleans 21st Feb. 1838

D.R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

In availing myself of the first opportunity of forwarding you the inclosed draft for $ [illegible], I derive much satisfaction from the reflection, that it will arrive in time to meet the draft for that amount, of which McBarnett is the bearer. The circumstances which induced me to draw on you in McBarnett's favor are already sufficiently explained, & I hope they will prove satisfactory.

I remain very respectfully
Your Ob.t Servt.
Edw. Forstall
Treas.r Br. Mint.

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Treasury Department
February 20. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit for your examination, a copy of a letter received from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

The Department is willing to place $10 or 20.000 at the Branch in New Orleans if you deem it advisable - either out of the funds now in the Mint at Philad.a or in the hands of the Collector at N. Orleans.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed.t Serv.t
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasy.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philad.a

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Estimates for
the New Orleans
Mint

H. R. LINDERMAN,

Director U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, 186

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Branch Mint New Orleans

For additional salary of Treasurer who shall perform the duties of Superintendent — $1000—

For Salary of Assayer — $2,000

For Salary of the Coiner who shall perform the duties of Melter & Refiner — $2,000

For Salary of One Clerk — $1800

For Wages of Workmen, Repairs & Incidental Expenses in addition to the amount appropriated for the ordinary purposes — $15,000

Branch Mint at Charlotte

For Salary of Assayer — $2000

For Salary of Assistant Assayer — 1,500

Wages of Workmen & Incidental Repairs Expenses in addition to the amount appropriated for the ordinary purposes — 6,000

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Mint N Orl
Feb. 24th, 1838.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d inst., with a copy of a letter from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at Natchez. This letter gives me the first information of the illness of Mr. Bradford, and thus serves in some measure to explain the darkness in which I have been so long left as to the proceedings of the Natchez Mint.

I find from your letter and from one which I received yesterday from Mr. Forstall, and of which I send you a copy, that he has allowed the Branch Mint to become very much embarrassed for the want of funds, having delayed an application to you too long. I am glad that the remedy of drawing upon Gen. Gordon, on the faith of a draft on me, has not been resorted to, as his draft must have been again protested. As to the former draft, although I wrote to Gen. Gordon, by express mail, on the 12th ult., I have not yet received any advice, and it can accord

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Mint & Orleans
sixty ~~drawn~~ by the Grand Bank three days ago, having been obtained by them to assist this advice, as long as I could ask them to do so. I am still entirely ignorant of the object of this draft, but presume it was for the sum ~~which strictly belongs to the Officers of the New Orleans Mint~~ payment which should have been made at New Orleans from the Treasury of that Mint, but for which they wanted funds.

The New Orleans Branch Mint ought, like the other Mints, to have a deposite fund for the purchase of bullion, if this can be given to them without embarrassing the General or this Mint. It is for you to judge whether this can be done, and to what extent. Certainly the amount of $10 or 20,000, which you propose in your letter, would be wholly inadequate. Mr. Forstall mentions that some of the New Orleans Merchants have procured large supplies of bullion from Mexico, which they would deposite at the Branch Mint if the Treasurer's Certificates could be made immediately available: the money of which I presume to be — if they could be coined at this Mint. The statute, moreover, that if this cannot be done the bullion must be sent to the Bank of the United States. It may well be doubted whether, in either case, the coins would not go to this Bank, — the difference being that in the one case they would pay for the transportation, and in the other they would be relieved from this charge by the government.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury

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Mint U S
Oct. 21/38.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 13th inst., and will pay your draft for $710, according to its tenor, though I regret that circumstances should have existed the course you have taken necessary. — I have written to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his warrant for the amount.

I regret to hear of the illness of Mr. Bradford, which I presume accounts for the ignorance in which I have been left as to the proceedings of your Mint.

I have ordered dies for you, which will soon be forwarded.

I expect daily the arrival at Mobile, of your beams for weighing.

I have not yet received from Gov. Gordon on the subject of this draft, though I wrote to him, by express mail, on the 12th inst. The draft was left back, at my request, till three days since, to await the answer to my letter.

R. M. P.

Edmund Forstall Esq.
Treasurer N.O. Branch

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Mint of U.S.

Feb. 21st 38

Sir,

I send you herewith a copy of a letter from the Treasurer of the state of Illinois Benet & Mint, enclosing a draft on me for $710, to make a payment which by belongs to his department, but for which he had failed to make provision in time. I regret this irregularity, but under the circumstances explained in the letter, it must necessarily be submitted to. To enable me to make the payment and get retain sufficient money to pay another draft long bills for which I am responsible, I have taken the liberty of asking your warrant in my favour for the amount of the draft,

R. M. Patterson

Dr

The Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury

U S B Mint New Orleans
February 24th 1838.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that I arrived here yesterday after being unexpectedly but unavoidably absent upwards of two weeks longer than I had fixed for my return, owing to some indisposition of one of my Children and some very urgent arrangements I had to make in my private affairs. I found your letters of the 13th & 14th inst. received. I have the pleasure I think now of assuring you that I will have nothing to call me off from my duties and that you will hear from me as frequently as any thing interesting occurs

I have much relief at finding that in my absence the other officers of this institution have informed you fully in answer to your letter of the 13th inst.

I will have the pleasure of writing you tomorrow further than at present as the mail is about closing and I must Conclude

Your Humble Servt.

David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr R M Patterson
Director Mint
Philada

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Mint U. S.
Feb. 21 38.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in my favour for Seven hundred and two dollars, on account of the New Orleans Branch Mint. The money being wanted to answer a draft on me, from the Trustees of that Mint, to pay the Workmen employed in putting up the furnaces, &c., may be taken either from the appropriation for the Building & Machinery; or for furnishing the establishment with fixtures not included in the contracts.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

The United States

In account current with Edm^d Forstall

Treasurer Branch Mint N. Orleans

1837			
July 17	To am^t rec^d from S. Campbell Treasurer U.S.		1500 —
Oct^r 3	" " " " "		325 —
1838 Jan^y 17	" " " " "		500 —
Jany 1	" " " " "		4000 —
Feb^y 17	" " " " "		10,000 —
			$ 16,325 —

1837 Contra

July 17	By am^t paid David Bradford in full of his salary to 1 July 1837	750	by
Sept^r 6	" am^t paid E. Forstall on a/c of his salary	375	—
Oct^r 3	" am^t paid David Bradford in full of his salary to 30th September last	625	—
Nov^r 13	" am^t paid E. Forstall on a/c of his salary	100	—
	29 " ditto ditto	100	—
Dec^r 11	19 " ditto ditto	150	—
Jany 5	" ditto Whitney watchman, to 6 Dec^r last	45	58
	" ditto the Officers of the Mint to the 31st December last as p roll	3125	—
	11 " paid E. Forstall in full of his services to 30th September 1837	450	—
	20 " paid W. Fledderer & Fourniquet for sun	45	73
	" " Fitzgerald for inkstands & Lamps	16	25
	22 " Badollet for sundries	5	71
	" " for postage		75
	22 " Post Office for box for the officers of the Mint to 31st December 1837	4	—
	23 " paid Delatier for a desk pump &c &c	9	25
	" " Farmer & Spearing for desks	8	—
	" " Whiting & Clark for brushes	6	25
	" " for water & Alum	1	—
	Amount carried forward	$ 6076	50 11825 —

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1838		Amount brought forward	£607 6 58	£1825
Janry 24	By	paid Accard for 2 pairs &c.	18 5s	
25	"	" J. Maxwell bill for sundries	21 37	
	"	" Mr Hall bill for arm chairs &c.	53	
26	"	" Gerard for brushes &c	6 75	
27	"	" Conlon & Co for 1 pair & cartage	5 25	
	"	" Grant & Co for mahogany chairs &c	177 75	
30	"	" Mr Hall order for paint brushes	1 75	
31	"	" for water	1 50	
	"	" workmen to this day per roll	1814 62	
	"	" Bame & Co for 1 pine table	5	
	"	" Barley for lumber	99	
	"	" Andrews for lumber	9 55	
	"	" Pickton for lumber	28 12	
	"	" Wade & Frederick for 1 lamp	4	
	"	" Barker for lumber	60 93	
	"	" Mr Linell & Co for iron	20 65	
	"	" Mr Tyler for sundries	4 73	
	"	" Sargeant for 1 lanthorn	2 25	
	"	" Mallard for brushes	1	
	"	" Gerard for brushes	3	
	"	" Whiting & Hastie for brass tacks &c	1 62	
	"	" Morton & Co for lanterns &c	1 50	
	"	" Wemsley for lumber	26 19	
	"	" for almanacs for Mr West	75	
	"	" Mr Landreff for working in masons	37 25	
	"	" Mr Tyler's order to watch men	212 50	
	"	" J. Maxwells " bills	75	
Feby 6	"	" Sargeant for sundries	4 75	
	"	" for bullet proofs for Abbey men	1 25	
8	"	" for 1 tin measure and rose	3 51	
9	"	" for water	75	
	"	" Smyth & Step Chs	2 63	
10	"	" Mr Ford for 10 days work to date	25	
		Amount carried forward	£807 14	1825

1838		Amount brought forward	£807 14	1825
Feby 11	By	paid Smyth & Barque Mary	25 19	
	"	" W. Helms 10 days work to date	25	
	"	" Sadlier 10 " " " "	25 62	
	"	" Turman for carrying bricks	14	
	"	" W. Owen in full to this day	150 52	
	"	" Mr Bunell & Son in full to date	715	
	"	" Selby in full to this day	42 50	
	"	" Mr Gordon for so much advanced by him to pay the workmen as per bill dated 31st December 1837	2144 91	
20	"	" Mr Gordon for so much paid to Bunell & Son 21 January last	180	
	"	" for water	1 50	
	"	" Andrews for charcoal	10	
	"	" Barker for coal &c	1815	
	"	" Jackson in full to 10th instant	35 49	
	"	" J. J. Hall for mahogany &c	21 65	
21	"	" postage of a letter to Dr Sadlier	1 5	
	"	" Seam & Stone for mantle pieces &c	15 50	
	"	" Mr Samuel for planks &c	16 38	
24	"	" Sauzeau for iron &c	14	
	"	" postage for Mr D. Bradford	7	
27	"	" " Mr J. Maxwell	1 5	
	"	" Mr Crocker for desks, desk cases &c	11	
	"	" postage for Mr Bradford	2	
	"	" Grant for a map of the works	25	
28	"	" Mallard for [illegible]	4	
	"	" Lockey for levelling yard	4	
	"	" Mr Hall's order to make gauges	5	
	"	" Whiting for cartage	1	
	"	" O'Beam for cartage of work	5	
	"	" Mr Sefe for work	31 5	
	"	" Workmen's roll dated this day	1430	
		Amount carried forward	£7000	1825

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Treasury Department
February 26. 1838.

Sir,

Your several communications, dated the 21th instant have been received and a draft for $910 will be transmitted to you as soon as the warrant can be prepared that the necessary forms. The requisition signed by Mr. Nesbitt was received here on the 23rd ult. and a draft for $10.000 was transmitted to him on the 24th.

I will thank you to correspond with the Superintendant of the Branch at N. Orleans and ascertain what is the smallest sum, which will be required there for the purchase of bullion and whether it had not better be disposed to the Branch or remain on deposit at the Mint to redeem the Branch Mint certificates as may be required.

I remain very respy
Your Obd. Servt

Sami Ewing
Sec. of the Treasy

F. R. M. Patterson
Philad.

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Supt Mint & Ch Nbns

reply returned by the Girard Bank three days ago, having been retained by them to await this advice, as long as I could ask them to do so. I am still entirely ignorant of the object of this draft, but presume it was for the drawer to ~~directly belong to the Officers of the Mint~~ payment which should have been made at Ch Nbns from the Treasury of that Mint, but for which they wanted funds.

The Ch Nbns Branch Mint ought, like the other Mints, to have a deposite fund for the purchase of bullion, if this can be given to them without endangering the Government or the Mint. But it is for you to judge whether this can be done, and to what extent. Certainly the amount of $10 or 20000, which your proposition letter, would be wholly inadequate. Mr. Forstall mentions that some of the N Orleans Merchants have received large supplies of bullion from Mexico, which they would deposite at the Branch Mint if the Treasurer's Certificates could be made immediately available: the means of which I presume to be — if they could be cashed at the Mint. The State, moreover, that if this cannot be done, the bullion must be sent to the Bank of the United States. We may well be doubtful whether, in other cases, the Coins would not go to this Bank — the difference being that in the one case they would pay for the transportation, and in the other they would be relieved from this charge by the government.

R. M. P.

Wm. Lewis Dr Thy
Sec. of Treasy

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Mint of the United States.
Feb. 27 — 38.

Sir,

I am glad to learn, by your letter of the 14th inst., receiv this morning, that you have advanced so far in your preparations for commencing work at the New Orleans Mint. I have kept long in the dark as to your proceedings, owing, as I now suppose, to the illness of Mr. Bradford.

I approve entirely of your course with regard to Mr. Jackson, and hope you will not hesitate to lop off the other faithless workmen of whom you speak. In conducting such an establishment as is committed to your charge, at such a place as New Orleans, great firmness will be necessary in the part of the Officers, and I am happy to find that they have the moral courage to exert it. They must be the masters, for they have all the responsibility. We are astonished to learn that Mr. Bank presumed to meddle in this matter, and drew

all that he should have encouraged ~~taken the part~~ of the men in their insubordination. He will find, on his return, that he has done his best work for this mint.

You will receive on the receipt of my last letter from Mr. Ferstatt, and are now in pursuit. — He shall also send you a series of coins.

Mr. Francis (to whom I have sent a messenger this morning) promises to have his adjusting balances finished for your mint in the course of a week.

Complete sets of large balances for your establishment, ordered in France, were sent from Havre in the Formosa for to Starbuck, and I am sorry to say, that much alarm is entertained for her safety, as she has been 75 days out, and is not heard of. Her loss would be a severe misfortune to the Branch Mints.

I have written to Mr. Ferstatt that his draft to pay Mess Barnett & Co. should be honored on presentation.

Please to inform Dr. Hart that Mr. Eckfeldt graduated the platina

for his annual solution, by [illegible] requisite quantities of water in making the lines at which [illegible] As it is a question of [illegible] necessary that such mistakes [illegible] employed.

Let me thank you for [illegible] satisfactory letter, and [illegible] communicate to me freely, [illegible] to time, the proceedings [illegible] department of the Mint. [illegible] any answers to be kept [illegible] to your condition.

R. M.

Rufus Tyler Esq.
Coiner Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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for his normal solution, by mixing the requisite quantities of water in it, and marking the lines at which they stood. As it is a question of proportion, it is not necessary that French pints should be employed.

Let me thank you for your very satisfactory letter, and invite you to communicate to me freely, from time to time, the proceedings in your department of the Mint. I am very anxious to be kept informed as to your condition.

Yours

R. M. P.

Dr

H/

Rufus Tyler Esq
Coinr Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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Mint U S
Feb. 27 / 38.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst. was recd this morning, and I have to thank you for the information which it gives me as to the proceedings in your district.

Of the course pursued by Mr. Tyler and yourself with the refractory hands in your department, I entirely approve. You have a difficult and responsible task to perform, and you cannot hope to succeed in it without strict discipline. Your rules are perfectly just and mild, and they must be obeyed. I am surprised not to see in them an article docking the wages for lost time.

My letter to Mr. Tyler, of this date, will give you information as to the scale beams ordered from France. That promised to you from here shall be sent as soon as one can be found. You might be assisted by Mr. Jarvis's new beam which is an admirable piece of work.

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Mr. Peale & Hon. Jacob Eckfeldt recommend that you should purchase your iron-rubbers. The best iron is the cross of cross keys. These are to be bent, by a pad hook, in your test furnace, by the remembering fires, and then ground in your crushing mills. —

Mr. Peale recommends that you be cautious in the employment of your test, as he finds it to be very wasteful.

Mr. Peale will write to Baltimore to order additional jars for you. They are already finished.

I am making arrangements to procure refined granulated copper from New York, for alloys, and you can have a supply of I succeed. In the mean while I presume that you will find copper bolts to answer your purpose. Have a new ruling thrue.

Your draft in favor of Mr. Eckfeldt for $ 137, was duly paid, and his receipt for the amount is endorsed on your note being of Nov. 11th for $ 4000, as an account

It will be very gratifying to me to hear from time to time, of your proceedings at the New Orleans Mint, especially as your new department.

The Officers join in kind remembrances to you and Mr. Taylor and Dr. Hart

Yr. M. O. P.

To
James Maxwell Esq.
Melter & Refiner &c
Branch Mint
New Orleans.

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of the man in this insubordination.
He will find, on his return, that he
has done his best work for this mint.

You will now ordered on the re-
ceipt of my last letter from Fort
Scott, and are now in pursuit. We
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mistaken this morning) promises to have
his adjusting balances finished for you
next in the course of a week.

Complete sets of huge balances for
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for to New York, and I am sorry
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necessary that Troy weights should be
employed.

Let me thank you for your very
satisfactory letter, and invite you to
communicate to me freely, from time
to time, the proceedings in your
department of the Mint. I am
very anxious to be kept informed as
to your condition.

Yours

R. M. P.

To
Rufus Tyler Esq
Coiner Br. Mint
New Orleans.

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Mint U. S.
Feb. 28 1838.

Sir,

A letter received by me this morning from the Secretary of the Treasury, has the following paragraph.

"I will thank you to correspond with the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, and ascertain what is the smallest sum which will be required there for the purchase of bullion for coinage, and whether it had better be supplied to the Branch, or remain on deposite at the Mint to redeem the Branch Mint certificates as may be required."

This communication is made in consequence of a letter to the Secretary from Treasurer Mr Forstall, dated the 13th inst, and which had been referred to me for my opinion. In this letter Mr. Forstall applies for a public deposite under the proviso in Sect. 12 of the law of July 1836, regulating the deposites of public money; and the Secretary of the Treasury proposes "on the sum of $ 200 a 300,000 dollars," which I informed him that I considered entirely

1838			
	Amount brought forward.	17,703 04	18 25
Feb 28	By paid Mr Stamer for carpenters work	650	
"	" Johnston for night watch	3 –	
"	" Cumming for mason work	11 –	
"	" Tolbett & Clark for iron &c	229 35	17,714 89
	Balance due the United States		$ 905 11

Errors Excepted

New Orleans 28th February 1838

Edm. Forstall

Treas. of Br. Mint.

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Sir,

In consequence of Mr. Bradford's illness, which I deeply regret, both in personal and public grounds, I have judged it proper to direct this letter to you; and I do pray you, should Mr. Bradford be still unable to attend to his duties, to assume the custody of the Secretary of the Treasury. Let me advise you to consult Mr. Mauduit on the subject, as he has become acquainted, ~~at the Bank~~, with the exact nature and situation of the public deposits in the operations of the Mint.

P. M. Patten
D.

T. J.

Edmund Forstall, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

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inadequate. You know, Sir, that the Treasury is far from being rich in Coin at present, and that it is therefore necessary to limit your deposits to the minimum which may be sufficient for your purposes. With this circumstance in view, I will thank you to give me an early answer to the question proposed by Mr. Woodbury.

I am, Sir,
Your obt. Servt.
R. M. P.

To
David Bradford Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir,

In consequence of the
illness, which I deeply re
in personal and public grou
judged it proper to direct
you; and I take pleasure in
Mr. Bradford be sent
to business, to assume the
the Secretary of the Treasury
advise you to consult Mr
on the subject, as he has
granted, at your request,
act nature as
deposits in the operations

R. M

To
Edmund Forstall, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

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U S B Mint New Orleans
March 1st 1838.

Sir,

The end of the last month being so near at hand and being desirous of giving you all the information in relation to this Branch and every day having my letter unfinished at the closing of the Mail, has brought me to this date. I report that, On my arrival the other Officers informed me that in my absence they had discharged three men and four others had left, being in combination with the others. It seems they had misbehaved, violated the rules and used violent and threatning language. I fully approved the proceeding. The workmen since have been very orderly and attentive to business.

The Assayer and Melter and Refiner inform me they are ready for operation. The Coiner will be ready in this month. He has had many difficulties to encounter nearly all of which have successfully been overcome and though more time has been required than was expected yet I am well pleased with the result and am satisfied that the utmost industry and exertions have been used in making the arrangements for commencing operations.

Mr. Forstall the treasurer in my absence at the urgent request of the merchants who have bars of bullion and are daily expecting more worth to the

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Secretary of the Treasury requesting funds to pay the Depositors. This I fear was not regular but I hope it will be properly considered. I have to inform you that were we in funds to pay the Depositors I am satisfactorily informed that upward of $100,000 in bullion would immediately be brought to this Branch by the Merchants of this place, or were we authorised to issue Certificates for Deposits as the Superintendent and Treasurer in Charlotte has advertised he is, the bullion would be brought to us abundantly and this might go on at once, the Assaying department being ready

The building is nearly Complete except the residence for the Superintendent and Coiner, not having our families here, and those dwellings not being tenantable before fall, I requested the other parts of the building be finished with all despatch, and the builders have placed the most of their force accordingly. The enclosure is to be an iron paling resting on granite, the foundation for the granite has been laid even with the surface and the granite placed on near a fourth of the enclosure.

The 2nd and 3rd matters on which you request me in your letter of the 14th ult. to report will be duly attended to when we get in operation.

Dr. Hoyt, the Assayer, informs me he is in want of the means of measuring and weighing Solutions.

Mr. Tyler, the Coiner, is of opinion he will be ready for Coining by the end of the Month. He is now

constructing the annealing furnaces, having had to wait for the settling and dry[illegible] of the foundations. Two of the Coining presses are ready for the reception of the dies or nearly so. He has informed you that he is in want of weighing and adjusting balances.

I regret very much to say that Mr. Maxwell is apprehensive the arches will give way in the basement story. They have settled considerably though I cannot say how much but will inform you as soon as I can get the estimate made by the Contractors and Messrs. Maxwell and Dyer, who placed measures the other day to see how much they had settled and if they Continued to do so. Mr. Gordon bestows every attention and has the liveliest solicitude on this matter and every other in relation to the Building.

I have made requisitions on the Secretary of the Treasury on the appropriation for paying the Officers and workmen of this Branch, and the Treasurer has received Eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty five Dollars, (18.625).

Amount of Money received	$18.625.00
" Paid Officers & men	11.700.00
" " Furniture for Offices	635.75
" " Fixtures, not in Builders Contract	2.000.00
" " Coal. Lumber & iron	2.604.33
Incidental expenses & guard	981.50
	$17.921.58

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I expected we would yesterday pay off the men in time for me to make a full report which was not done. The item "Pictures &c" is not exact. I wish you to instruct me particularly, whether I am authorized to employ a guard. Necessity has compelled me to do so till the enclosure is made and the Building secured, and whether I ought to make a Requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for funds out of a different appropriation.

I have appointed but one Clerk. I put up with my brother-in-Law Judge C. Woodrooff, a mile from the Mint, and when my Office is fitted up will I hope write more legibly than I have this letter.

Your Humble Servant

David Bradford

Superintendent

Dr R M Patterson

Director

Mint

Philada

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The United States

In account current with Edm^d Forstall
Treasurer Branch Mint N. Orleans

1837			
July 14	To am^t rec^d from S. Campbell Treasurer U.S.		1500 ~
Octr 3	" " " " "		625 ~
1838 17	" " " " "		500 ~
Janr 4	" " " " "		6,000 ~
Febr 17	" " " " "		10,000 ~
			$18,625 ~
1837	Contra		
July 17	By am^t paid David Bradford in full of his salary to 1 July 1837	784 67	
Septr 6	" am^t paid E. Forstall on a/c of his salary	200 ~	
Octr 3	" am^t paid David Bradford in full of his salary to 30th September last	625 ~	
Nov 13	" am^t paid E. Forstall on a/c of his salary	100 ~	
29	" ditto ditto	100 ~	
Decr 19 1838	" ditto ditto	150 ~	
Janr 5	" ditto Whitney, watchman, to 6 Decr last	45 50	
"	" ditto the Officers of the Mint to the 31st December last as p^r roll	3125 ~	
11	" paid E. Forstall in full of his services to 30th September 1837	450 ~	
20	" paid R. Tyler's order to Fournigaut for iron	43 73	
"	" " Fitzgerald for inkstands & Lamps	10 25	
22	" " Bassett for sundries	5 71	
"	" " for potash	" 12	
22	" " post office for box for the officers of the Mint to 31st December 1838	6 ~	
23	" paid Sabatier for a dripping stone &c	9 25	
"	" " Farmer & Spearing for soap	2 ~	
"	" " Whiting & Stark for brushes	6 25	
"	" " for water & Alum	1 ~	
	Amount carried forward	$1076 50	18625 ~

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1838				
		Amount brought forward	$ 607 04	1825
Sept	12	By proceeds Account for 3 yard &c.	18 50	
	25	" " J. Maxwells bill for sundries	20 37	
	"	" " Wm Hoole bill for arm chairs &c.	53	
	31	" " Girard for brushes &c.	6 75	
	27	" " Conlon & Co. for 1 jar & cartage	5 25	
	"	" " Grant & Co. for mahogany chairs &c.	177 75	
	30	" " Wm Hoole order for paint brushes	1 75	
	31	" " for water	1 50	
	"	" " workmen to this day per roll	181 462	
	"	" " Bacon & Co. for 1 pine table	5	
	"	" " Bailey for lumber	99	
	"	" " Andrews for lumber	9 55	
	"	" " Pickens for lumber	28 12	
	"	" " Hyde & Goodrich for 1 lamp	4	
	"	" " Barker for lumber	60 93	
	"	" " Mc Dowell & Co. for iron	20 65	
	"	" " R. Tyler for sundries	4 75	
	"	" " Sargeant for 1 Lanthorn	2 50	
	"	" " Mallard for brushes	1	
	"	" " Girard for brushes	3	
	"	" " Wheeling & Harts for boat locks &c.	1 62	
	"	" " Martin & Co. for turpentine &c.	1 50	
	"	" " Abernethy for lumber	20 04	
	"	" " for almanacs for Mr Hoole	75	
	"	" " Mentendorff for working on mantel	27 25	
	"	" " R. Tylers order to watchmen	202 50	
	"	" " J. Maxwells do do	75	
Feby	6	" " Sargeant for sundries	4 75	
	"	" " for bullet moulds for Assay room	1 25	
	8	" " for 2 ton measures and scoop	3 50	
	9	" " for water	75	
	"	" " Proceeds of Ship Chest	2 63	
	10	" " Wm Ford for 10 days work to date	35	
		Amount carried forward	$ 807 04	1825

1838				
		Amount brought forward	$ 807 04	1825
Feby	12	By proceeds Sundries & Barque Mary	25 89	
	"	" " Wm Talma 10 days work to date	25	
	"	" " Wm Bastian 10 " " " do	25 62	
	"	" " Turnman for carrying bricks	14	
	"	" " M. Cross on bill to this day	150 50	
	"	" " R. Barnett & Son on bill to date	715	
	"	" " Selby on bill to this day	42 50	
	"	" " Mr Gordon for so much advanced by him to pay the workmen as per roll dated 31st December 1837	2144 91	
	28	" " Mr Gordon for so much paid to Barnett & Son 21 January last	160	
	"	" " for water	1 50	
	"	" " Andrews for charcoal	110	
	"	" " Barker for coal &c.	1815	
	"	" " Jackson on bill to 11th instant	38 40	
	"	" " J. J. Hall for mahogany &c.	20 65	
	31	" " postage of a letter to L. Pattison	1 50	
	"	" " Wain & Stroud for mantle pieces &c.	859 50	
	"	" " Mr Sumner for planks &c.	1638	
	34	" " Farnigaud for iron &c.	148	
	"	" " postage for Mr D. Bradford	3	
	27	" " " " Mr J. Maxwell	1 50	
	"	" Mr Gratton for desks book cases &c.	115	
	"	" postage for Mr Bradford	2	
	"	" Grant for a model of the works	35	
	28	" " Williams for mounting a note to paper	1	
	"	" " Lackey for levelling yard	49	
	"	" " Mr Hoole order to night guards	514	
	"	" " Mahony for cartage	13	
	"	" " O'Brian for cartage of coals	51 75	
	"	" " Mr Duff for work	31 50	
	"	" " Workmen per roll dated this day	1451	
		Amount carried forward	$ 17,405 04	1825

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1838	Amount brought forward.	17,406 04	18625 ~
Feby 28	By paid Mr. Name for carpenters work.	6 50	
"	" Johnson for night watch.	3 ~	
"	" Cumming for mason work	80 ~	
"	" Tibbett & Clark for iron &c.	224 35	17,719 89
	Balance due the United States.		$ 905 11

Errors Excepted.

New Orleans, 28th February 1838.

Edm. Forstall

Treas. of Br. Mint.

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United States Branch Mint
New Orleans, 4th March 1835

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

Herewith please receive the Merchants Banks check for two hundred dollars, which you will please pay to the order of the following named persons to wit

$ 100 to the order of Mr. Rufus Tyler
$ 30 to the wife of W. D. Johnson
$ 60 " " " of Saml. Mc. Namee
$ 10 " " " of John Mordy
$ 200 —

I am respectfully Sir,
Your faithful servant
Edm. Forstall
Supt. Br. Mint

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United States Branch Mint
New-Orleans, 5 March 1838.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th ult. and observe that you have drawn in the Secretary of the Treasy. for the draft of $7,710- mentioned in mine of the 13th ult. I trust, however, that you have received the check that I remitted to you on the 21st ult. and that you will adjust the matter with the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Gordon requests me to inform you that his excuse for not answering your letter, is that he has been, & is still labouring under a very accute rheumatism in the head, and also that as soon as he received notice of this draft being protested, he deposited the amount in the Union Bank to meet it as soon as it is returned.

In expectation of receiving soon the beams and dies which are much wanted, I Remain respectfully

Sir,

Your faithful servant.

Edm: Forstall
Treasurer of Br. Mint
(N. O)

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David Bradford, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans,
March 1 / 38.

Rec'd 10th.

Copy sent to Sec. of Treasury -
March 23. '38

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U S B Mint New Orleans [illegible] 5th 1838.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing you herewith the Oath and Bond of Office of Mr Denon Durel, a Clerk in this institution. The security in my opinion is as good as could be given in this place. I am not acquainted with the securities, but Mr Forstall the treasurer who knows them well assures me they are gentlemen of the highest respectability. I appointed Mr Durel on the 3rd of January last as it had then become necessary that Mr Forstall should have his Assistance. And being on that day obliged to return to Plaquemine I thought Mr Forstall would attend to having the requirements of the law as regards the Bond and Oath complied with and on my return on the 14th of January I omitted, from its not occurring to me, to ascertain if it had been done. I had again to go to St Francisville on the 24th January and did not get back here till the 25th of last month and to my surprise found Mr Durel had not been appraised of the law. However as he has rendered services faithfully and diligently, I consider him entitled to his salary from the date of his appointment.

May I ask you Sir, if I am correct in this Opinion? and if I am not please write me by Express Mail so that I may receive before the last of this month which is the end of the Quarter at which time the Officers and Clerks and workmen are to be paid. I have not yet appointed another Clerk as Mr Gordon concurred with me that it was not requisite to do so. We expect to be Coining in this month and it is probable I will appoint the other next month. I will ask Sir, I have the pleasure of informing you that silver Bullion to the value of upwards of Sixty Thousand dollars was deposited yesterday in this Branch, to be charged, to Duty and the Melting and Refining will also be commenced to day and we were asked if we could coin by the 1st of June for the same reason that made the Depositors of Bullion Nov 1837 which I answered in the affirmative, the coins of $ 200.00 & under than for the Treasurer of this Branch will have funds furnished him immediately to pay the Depositors. I have the honor Sir David Bradford

Superintendent.

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U S B Mint New Orleans
March 10th 1838.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that another deposite was made in this Branch on the 8th inst. by another house, of gold and silver bullion of the value of near $20.000.

The Assayer has had some difficulty in assaying the first bullion received; it contains just that portion of gold that makes the assaying most difficult he says. After Mr. Maxwell melts and refines it a re-assay will be made. Mr. Tyler is using every effort to get his Coining machinery adjusted and ready for operations. Mr. Maxwell is melting and refineing and has his arrangements all in the most admirable order and I am rejoiced to say he finds every thing to answer his expectations and most of all that one of the arches about which some alarm that it might fall was entertained is after testing it found not to settle any more and is Considered safe.

I shall take up my quarters in this B. Mint next week and relieve as far as may be in my power the other Officers from the arduous duties of Police, which from the peculiar situation of this B. Mint, in the midst of the resort of the most disorderly and dangerous part of the population of this City, requireing the utmost vigilance until we get the entries and lot enclozed and I fear as you will perceive an expense however indispensable, that has given us Concern and embarrassment, but from its necessity unavoidable. I herewith enclose a Copy of the Treasurers Cash Book up to the last of last month, and shall be thankful for any information and suggestions

from you that you may favor me with. The building contractors have all their force occupied actively at laying the granite for the enclosure of the Lot and finishing the wing designed for the dwelling of the Superintendent. There are a number of iron grated doors required which I will request may be put up as soon as possible so as to dispense with the incessant and unavoidable attendance of an ordinary workman.

I was requested by Mr. Gordon on the 23rd ult to come to a determination on the plans and description of the Privies which he had proposed to Construct by extending the flanks and Centre of the Edifice in the rear as high as the basement story and as far as the purpose might require, which Mr. Taylor thought would not answer as the mess would be exposed to the weather in going to them as I conceived. I found Mr. Taylor had bestowed the utmost attention and investigation on the matter and I got him to draw a plan of his views, which is I think the best that can be adopted for internal arrangements, and I engaged an architect to make a drawing of the elevation. I then had it suggested to me that as the water works of this City afford an abundance of water in the second stories or elevations put above the surface of the City, it would be best to use water closets and I invited down of the most experienced and scientific persons of my acquaintance to view the premises who done me the favor to do so and concluded after viewing the apartments in which they might be constructed that it is highly advisable that they be adopted. I have no doubt myself but that they would be the most economical and by far the most salubrious, and I am satisfied that no arrangement of buildings for the purpose can be adopted without greatly impairing the external appearance of the Edifice and incumbering in a Considerable degree the approaches and other Conveniences of the originally proposed plan, and without being Costly beyond conception. This matter has absorbed my attention and ingenuity nearly altogether since Mr. Gordon brought it to my Consideration and it is one I think of great interest. It is not embraced in the Contracts that I have seen. Indeed I have great doubt whether I have any Control over the matter. Mr. Gordon is very courteous and says he wishes to make these arrangements to suit the views of the Officers. All the other Officers concur with me that water closets and basement story under the stairs assigned for placing them it would be requisite to have gas lights and I think it highly advisable to have gas lights altogether in the building where they might be required for public purposes. Should you entrust me with the power and duty of making the necessary arrangements for having this B. Mat furnished with water closets for the use of the Officers and workmen of the establishment and for it being lighted with gas I will use my every effort to have these

arrangements effected promptly and with the strictest observance of economy.

I deem it my duty and proper to state that Mr. Gordon is very impatient and is ill disposed that I have no doubt he would cheerfully have with your sanction the above preparations effected but in Candour I would like to relieve him as far as in my power from what to him must be an arduous task, with out just grounds.

I make the earnest request that you inform me the amount of the balance of appropriations on which I may draw. I have in this month drawn for $12,000. And all information and instruction you can afford me. The 4th Sect. of the Act of 6. of 3rd March 1835 speaks of "regulations" which if any have been adopted I pray you send me a Copy and accept of assurances of my respect and esteem. David Bradford
Lieut Colonel

RG104 Entry 11

Mint U.S.
March 12/38.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your draft on New York for $710, to meet your draft on me for that amount, favour of Mr. Barrett, and which has not yet been presented. I have also received funds from the Treasury of the U.S. to meet the same draft. When Mr. Barrett arrives, I have him this account duly arranged.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your draft on the U.S. Bank for $200, by this order from Messrs. Tyler, Wheaton, McNamee and Moody.

I have to inform Francis Dunfon that his remittance of the 3d of Jan., for his wife, has been duly called for, and that I cannot learn where she is to be found. Mrs. Wheaton & Mrs. McNamee beg it may be mentioned to their husbands that they and their families are in good health.

I am Sir, Yours Respectfully
R.M.P.

Edmund Forstall Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

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U S B Mint New Orleans
March 16th 1838.

Sir

Your letter of the 28th ulto. (although marked "By Express Mail" but as the postage was not paid and only charged 2 1/2 cts. I presume it came by the ordinary Mail) was received yesterday by Mr. Forstall to whom it was addressed, and submitted to Mr. Maxwell and the other Officers and also to Mr. Gordon.

I had on the 8th inst. written the Secy of the Treasury that we had the day before received a deposit of Bullion and that I was asked by Lizardi & Co the Depositors if we could coin for them $300.000, by the 1st of June which I was delighted at informing them could be done on their depositing the bullion

Mr. Gordon was of opinion that all that we wanted was a Credit in one of the Property Banks of this City and not a Capital in Specie laying idle much of the time and he named the Union and Citizens Bank which I know possess the highest Confidence. He was of opinion any Bank here would be glad to accept the proposal to any amount even above a Million of Dollars. Now if such a Credit can be obtained for this Branch I have no doubt our operations would far exceed the estimate you made of our Coinage this year (three Millions of Dollars). I am well informed that bullion to a very unusual amount will be brought to this City this year and that there is much now on hand.

The other Officers and myself Concur with you that the sum proposed by Mr. Woodbury of $20000 would be entirely

inadequate and that $1000000 is the minimum that the public Convenience and accommodation requires our treasurer to have in order to pay Depositors and that it would be best to have if not all at least the greater part here and the balance to be drawn for as you.

We had a full Consideration and determination of the arrangements exterior of the building of which in my letter of the 10th inst. I made mention. I found it was indispensible to surround the building with an interiour enclosure and that by making it partly a wall, within which the privies are to be put, and the remainder a light iron fence the expence would not be augmented as I had feared in any exorbitant degree, and I had not rightly considered the practicability of adopting water Closets for both the Officers and workmen. You will consider the proposition I made in that letter, which I too hastily made, as withdrawn. I have to state however that M. Gordon yesterday mentioned that he was going to the Havana shortly and it may in such Case you would have some directions for me which it will at all times afford me the highest gratification to attend to and fulfil.

I am very thankful for your friendly sentiments at hearing of my being sick. I pray you to write by Express Mail till we are more familiar with business in this Branch

Yr. Obdt. Servt.
David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint

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Mint U.S.

March 16, 1838.

Sir,

I send inclosed, for your approbation, the Bond of Mr. Lewis Dunn, as Clerk in the Branch Mint at New Orleans. His oath of office is also annexed.

I also send inclosed a ~~letter~~ copy of a letter from Mr. Bradford the Superintendent which besides the representations necessary for giving a judgment as to the sufficiency of the bond, contains important information relative to the proceedings of the New Orleans Mint.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

R. M. P.

Jr

To

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

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Mint U S
March 24 / 38.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th & 16th inst.

I am glad to find that you have such good prospects as to the supplies of bullion for coinage.

The report of Mr. Barnard's department is very gratifying; and I sincerely hope that all the departments will soon be in full operation. Your dies are in preparation, & will be sent forward in good time.

The $710 which I drew from Washington to answer your draft on me in favor of Mr. Barrett, has been used, in part, to settle his account for wages & expenses on his return from St Helena. He was himself paid the $710 by your draft on N York. —

It is not my intention to draw any more funds from Washington on account of your Mint. To know the balance, at Washington, on which you can draw, it will be necessary for you to apply to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I shall communicate to the Secretary your views as to the amount and nature of the deposits which you wish, in your behalf to be the penalties of bullion.

The general Rules to be pursued in conducting your Mint is pointed out in the Mint Law of Jan 18, 1837, as to the details, they have been communicated to the several Officers who are with us here, But I will embody the whole into one Code of Instructions, and send it to you at an early day.

You are aware that you are required, (though you Treasurer,) to print the accounts of the Mint, with all the vouchers, to the Treasury Department, quarterly. Mr. Maxwell understands the exact Course to be followed.

I am glad that you have arrived at a satisfactory arrangement with regard to your out-buildings.

R. M. P.

Dr

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RG104 Entry 11

Mint N. O.

March 24 / 38.

Sir,

In answer to a letter to Mr. Boyd, the Superintendent of the New Orleans Branch Mint, written on the 28th ult., respecting the amount of the bullion deposits for the purchase of bullion, which would be required at his Mint, he states—

"Mr. Gordon &c. I [illegible] you his letter of March 8th as marked. I——— to on you."

I confess that I have no clear conception of Gen. Gordon's plan. If the Banks can pay in Specie, I can conceive that the merchants might be contented to have their deposits credited by bank checks on a bank from the Counter of the Mint; but surely this could not be the case now. Yet such seems to be Gen. Gordon's idea. If it be founded, and you have Bank funds to transfer to the New Orleans Branch, then cannot surely be any objection to doing so. I agree with Mr. Boyd that the sum in his mint fund for the purchase of bullion ought not to be

less than $10,000, and that a good portion of it as paid with orders to be deposited there and not here.

Mr Bradford says, in his last letter, that all is ready at his end except the crimping department; and that they are forwarding that with all expedition.

Yrs

R. W. P.

Hon. Lewis McLane
Secy of Treasury

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Treasury Department
March 29. 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd. instant with the papers which accompanied it.

The Department can now place in the Branch Mint at N. Orleans in specie, under the proper head of deposit from $50. to $5.000 if you should deem that course most advisable. But, in that event it may become necessary in the course of the Spring to draw as much even the Amount now at the Philadelphia Mint, to meet the urgent wants of the Government.

I wish thank you for your advice on this point and if you approve of the course suggested I will order the Transfer to be made at N. Orleans forthwith.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt

Levi Woodbury
Secy of the Treasy.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

U. S. B. Mint, New Orleans
March 28th 1838.

Sir,

I am requested by Mr. Maxwell to ask you to have procured and sent on here for his department in this Branch the following articles, viz:

100 Carboys Nitric Acid
1 Barrel of dippers
4 Hogsheads of assorted black lead crucibles and
4 Barrels of assorted sand Crucibles.

Yesterday another deposit of gold and silver bullion was made in this Branch. Day after tomorrow I will forward you my Monthly Report. Mr. Tyler says he can commence Coining as soon as the dies arrive. We have had to borrow scales from the Gas-light Bank (which had formerly belonged to the U. S. Branch Bank in this place) and weights, part from the same Bank and part from the Custom House. We are anxiously expecting the arrival of the Balances and weights mentioned in your letter of the 13th February last.

Mr. Gordon informed me two days ago that he had paid his draft, which you mention in your letter of 13th Inst to me, immediately on its return. Mr. Forstall had refunded him what he had advanced to pay the workmen as you will see by the copy of the Treasurers "Cash Book" which I sent you on the 5th inst.

On the 8th inst I made a requisition on the Secty of the Treasy for $10.000, "out of the appropriation for paying the Officers and workmen and for furnishing the whole establishment, inclusive of all apparatus, tools and fixtures, not included in the Contracts, of this Mint," and on the 23rd inst, his very obliging and satisfactory answer arrived

enclosing a Draft on the Collector of this Port for $10.000, but which will not be paid till the arrival of the letter of advice which I hope will be before the first of next month when we pay Officers and Men.

I left him on the 18th inst. and had the pleasure of returning with my wife and family on the 22nd having fortunately and very unexpectedly made a satisfactory arrangement and disposition of my place and individual concerns generally, and have met with the most pleasing, hospitable and cordial reception from Mrs and Mr. Maxwell, and every kind attention from Mr. Tyler and Dr. Hort.

On the 12th inst. I appointed a young French gentleman, Emile Lassere, a Clerk in this Branch, whom I have known most intimately since his boyhood, since 1815, who speaks the French Spanish and English languages equally well, but on our Calling on the U.S. Dist. Judge he had that very hour left the City to hold Court in the Western District of the State and will not return before next month, when I will forward you his Oath of Office & Bond.

Yr. Hble. Servt.

David Bradford
Superintendent

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Mint of the United States
March 29th, 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.

I think that we cannot in justice a second policy withheld from the Branch Mint at New Orleans a deposite for the purchase of bullion, such as has been given to all the other Mints, and I must therefore approve of the course, suggested in your letter, of furnishing that Mint with specie to the amount of from $50 to $75,000. At the same time I must enjoin upon you that any circumstance should occur to make necessary a further reduction of our deposite here. The Large amounts of bullion beginning to come in upon us, and we constantly hear of more in prospect. A week ago we paid Mr. Newbold for $172,165.28 in gold and silver, of which $100,000 was for a deposite made on the very day of payment. He tells me, in a letter received to-day, that he has from $150 to $200 thousand more to

depositor, provided the amount come in, he immediately returned six half dollars. Thus annuled him that it could. But, if many such deposits were effected, and should happen to come together, a large fund would be required to keep up the system of prompt payments, — a system which shall not abandon without due regret and mortification.

P. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury, Esq.
Sec. of Treasury.

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Treasury Department
March 31. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th. instant.

If the Department is furnished with other means by Congress, drafts to a small amount only, will probably be drawn on the Mint - but unless such means are furnished it will become necessary to draw on the Mint to the extent heretofore indicated - I have this day ordered the Collector at New Orleans to deposit $60.000 in the Branch Mint there to enable it to make prompt payment for bullion -

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Svt.
Levi Woodbury
Secy. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philada

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Silver Bullion received from Depositors at the United States Branch Mint New Orleans.

When received	No. of deposite	By whom deposited	Description	Gross weight Oz.	dc.	Standard wt Dec.	Oz.	Value per ounce of the States.	Deductions for refining alloy &c	Nett amt to the depositors		Remarks
1838 March	8	1 M. De Lizardi & Co	21 Bars	21.208	25	21.334	32	24.525	44	872	33	23.953 11	
"	8	2 J. Robert & Co	6 Bars	4.640	25	4.956	91	5.770	42	113	64	5.656 78	
"	8	3 M. De Lizardi & Co	20 Cakes	1.125	50	1.186	77	1.380	95	7	31	1.373 65	
"	8	4 Ditto	31 Ditto	1.536	25	1.696	37	1.973	95	5	29	1.968 81	
"	27	5 J. W. Zachariè & Co	13 Bars 424 Pieces	13.173	65	13.617	57	15.903	90	565	17	15.338 73	
				40.683	90	42.849	99	49.854	67	1.563	54	48.291 13	

New Orleans 31st March 1838
Edm. Forstall Treasurer

Gold Bullion received & from Depositors at the United States Branch Mint New Orleans

When received	No. of deposite	By whom deposited	Description	Gross weight Oz.	dc.	Standard wt Dec.	Oz.	Value per ounce of the States.	Deductions for refining alloy &c	Nett amt to the depositors		Remarks
1838 March	8	1 M. De Lizardi & Co	Extracted from 21 Bars Silver	.	.	455	299	8.476	60	15	70	8.454 90	
"	8	2 J. Robert & Co	Amalgame (from Mexico)	71	35	12	310	1.159	24	.	.	1.159 24	
"	8	3 Ditto	Extracted from 6 Bars Silver	.	.	37	250	6.932	20	1	29	6.930 91	
"	13	4 A. Parker	Small Lumps (from Georgia)	9	35	9	417	1.752	20	.	.	1.752 20	
"	27	5 J. W. Zachariè & Co	Extd from 13 Bars 424 Pieces	.	.	661	529	12.313	08	22	83	12.290 25	
				80	70	1.226	115	22.811	32	39	82	22.771 50	

New Orleans 31st March 1838
Edm. Forstall
Treasurer

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U S B Mint, New Orleans April 5th 1838.

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 14th February last I have the honor to report that the enclosure of this Branch is progressing rapidly to a Close. The granite for the fence is laid, the holes for the iron palings are made in it about half way round the enclosure and about one fourth of the palings are put up, and look well much better than I expected they would when I first saw them at the shop.

The building is complete, except that the granite steps of the double stairs in the principle story in the Centre building have to be taken up and replaced by longer ones and the railing added: and in the new wing there are three flights of stairs to be put up, and the ballusters on the piazzas, and the mantlepieces and grates also in the new wing.

Mr Tyler reported to me in writing on the 3rd inst. that in the Coining department the work of preparation has been regularly progressing as fast as could be reasonably expected. The annealing furnaces are far advanced towards completion, one of which will probably be ready in another week. The small coining press is so far perfected as to be ready for trial on the arrival of the dies. The Chimney stack has been completed and all the requisite furnaces for greasing, roasting, whitening &c got ready for commencing. One of the milling machines is completed and the other far advanced. The Steam engine has been refitted and the shafting and gearing put in order with driving drums &c. A partial trial has been made of the rolling machinery which though not quite as well executed as it should have been, particularly in the gear wheels, will when properly corrected and adjusted perform very satisfactorily. The Draw Benches are nearly ready for use and will doubtless perform in a satisfactory manner in many respects. The Cutting presses are presumed to be in excellent condition requiring only some

Dr. The United States

For Wages of Labourers employed at the Mint from the 1st July to the 30th Sept 1829 inclusive; as paid in pursuance of Warrants of the Director of the Mint at Phila. marginal date and numbers viz —

| 1829 | No. | | |

U S B Mint New Orleans April 5th 1838.

D. R. M. Patterson

Sir

Enclosed I transmit to you the check of the Merchants Bank of this place for $150. which you will please pay to the order of the following persons, viz: $50. to the wife of Mr Samuel McNamee, and ~~$100.~~ Mr M. G. Gallagher, making one hundred and fifty Dollars value rec'd

Your Hum. Sert.
Edm. Forstall

Mint U. S.

April 7th, 1838.

Sir,

I have duly recd your letter of the 28th ult.

The order of Mr. Wadsworth for materials for his department shall be immediately attended to. He estimates that the cost will be as follows.

Nitric acid, about 10,000 lbs.	$1400.
One bbl. dippers	9.
Four Hhds lead crucibles	120.
Four bbls. sand crucibles	72.
	$1601.

To pay this and other accounts that may accrue, I will thank you to send me $2000, either in Treasury Notes or a Draft. It is my wish that for the future no drafts should be made on your appropriations except by or through yourself.

Your dies are nearly ready. I will send them by mail, through the Secretary of the Treasury.

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I am truly glad to find that your family is with you at New Orleans. Until this event, you could not feel at home at the Mint.

Under the new Mint Law you will see that Mr. Latrere might have taken his oath of office before the judge of any Court of Record, and need not await the return of the U.S. District Judge.

R. M. P.

Dft

David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

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Statement of materials already taken by Mr. Maxwell, for which additional orders are now sent; — the estimated cost of the additional orders, & the ~~annual~~ last year's consumption of such articles here. —

Materials sent.		Additional orders.		Used here, in 1837.
Nitric acid, 1455 lbs. whole cost here —	$ 210.	Nitric acid, about 10,000 lbs. mill cost	$ 1400.	Nitric acid, 21,372 lbs. — cost —	$ 2711.
1 barrel dippers (105)	9.	1 barrel dippers (100)	9.	
2 hhds. blk. lead crucibles (60)	60. x	4 hhds. black lead cru.	120.	Crucibles &c. used, cannot be ascertained.
2 bbls. sand crucibles	36.	4 bbls. sand crucibles	72.	
	$ 315.		$ 1601.	

x Estimated - no bill being rendered

The orders appear to be within due bounds. —

RG104 Entry 11

Mint of the United States.
April 9. 1831.

Sir.

I send you by this day's mail, a box containing dies for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which I pray you to have forwarded, under your frank, without opening. The proper direction is given, under the envelope containing your address. The necessity of employing this mode of conveyance, will, I hope, be my sufficient apology for giving you this trouble.

I am, sir, most respectfully,
your faithful servant.

(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of the Treasury.

RG104 Entry 11

Mint of the United States,
April 9th, 1838.

Sir,

I send you to day, through the Secretary of the Treasury, a box containing two pairs of dies, for striking dimes. By the next mail, you shall have the half dollar and half dime dies, which are also ready.

The dimes & half dimes have the false or plain border rubbed on them, & this practice will be continued in future. One pair of the half dollar dies, also has the false border rubbed on, but this will not be done hereafter, as it increases very much the difficulty of rubbing. This border must, therefore, as is now our practice, be turned in with the lathe, & the pair sent will indicate the depth &c. The faces of the half dollar dies are ground down to their proper depth for hardening; but this also will be discontinued, and you will grind them yourselves, to suit your own taste for polishing. You will understand, of course, that these instructions are for Mr. Tyler.

Your dies are exactly like ours, except that the letter O is introduced as a distinction mark.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,

(signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director

To Reuel Bradford, Esq:
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

RG104 Entry 11

Mint of the United States.
April 11. 1836.

Sir,

I send, by this mail, another set of dies for the New Orleans Mint, which I respectfully request that you will forward under your frank as before.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obedient Servt
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director

To
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

RG104 Entry 11

Mint of the United States,
April 11th, 1838.

Sir,

I wrote to you, on the 9th, by the Ordinary mail, to state that I had that day sent a set of dies for your Mint, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a request that he would forward them to you under his frank. They were half-dollar dies. To day I send, in like manner, two pair of dime dies; & these remittances will be continued till your supply is complete. One pair of each set is ground down ready for the latter. — But I have given all the requisite information in my letter of the 9th.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

RG104 Entry 11

Treasury Department
April 12. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of the 9th. inst. and of the dies intended for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans - they shall be immediately forwarded to Mr. Bradford the Superintendant.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt

Lewis Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada

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Mint U. S.

April 16th, 1838

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst., containing the report of the proceedings of your Mint for the month of March. I am glad to learn from it that your building and all the arrangements for full operations are so near their completion.

Three boxes of dies, each containing two pairs, have been already forwarded to you, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The adjusting balances, and their weights are finished, ~~and the weights for them are contracted for~~ however and will be sent immediately.

The gun lathe for Mr. Taylor is also finished, and was ordered to be boxed up for transportation last week.

For the test of your assays, at this Mint, you will please to observe the following instructions for the present.

From each melt of eight delivered to you by the Melter & Refiner, you will take, small assay pieces, rolled out

flat, and numbered to correspond with the number of the melt, and these pieces you will forward to me by mail. Coins may then be made from these ingots, but these coins must not be issued, until a report be received, from this Mint, upon the quality of the metal. For a time, this precaution seems to be proper, and must be equally satisfactory to you and to us.

You will please to instruct the Treasurer to receive, (under the conditions of ~~the~~ Sect. 27 of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837,) for the annual assay at this Mint, ~~two pieces out~~ from the deliveries made to him, from time to time, by the Coiner, one piece of gold coin out of every thousand, and one of silver coin out of every ten thousand, ~~that~~ of ~~each~~ each denomination, — adhering to this proportion as nearly as shall be found convenient and practicable. These pieces will be carefully labelled, and kept in a box ~~for~~ made for the purpose, until they shall be required to this Mint.

I recommend you, by all means, to have lightning rods attached to your building, as suggested by the Officers.

I have to inform Mr. Fontaile that his remittance of one hundred and fifty dollars, for the mint of McIntire and has been duly received.

R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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SHIPPED *in good order and condition* by Peter Sihman
in and upon the Brig called the J Palmer whereof
C G Marshman is master, for this present voyage, and now lying in
the port of Philadelphia, and bound for New Orleans,

Sold by J. O. Annet, No. 321 Market Street, Philada.

One Pipe Ash Blk
Containing Crucibles

Branch Mint U S
New Orleans

Being marked and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in the like good order and condition, at the aforesaid port of New Orleans, (the danger of the seas only excepted) unto Branch Mint U.S. or to Assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Goods, at the rate of

One dollar & fifty cents

with Primage and Average accustomed. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said hath affirmed to four Bills of lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at Philadelphia, the 19 day of April 1838

C G Marshman

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Mint of the United States,
April 20. 1838.

Sir,

I send enclosed a bill of lading of a barrel of dispatches for Mr. Maxwell. — Mr. Tyler's letter was not quite ready to send by this vessel, but will be shipped by the next, which is expected to sail on Wednesday next. By that vessel we shall also send a list of adjusting balances.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To/
Saml Bradford, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

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U. S. B. Mint, New Orleans
April 20th 1838.

Dr Sir,

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letters of the 28th ult, with Bill of Lading, the 7th and 11th inst.

Mr Tyler is in great need of a large Lathe which he expects is finished by this time and to pay for it as well as the articles for Mr Maxwell I have requested the Secy of the Treasy to issue a warrant in your favor for three thousand Dollars, by this days Express Mail.

Mr Maxwell desires me to request you to send him some zinc as that which he has got here he finds contains Sulphur

I have to request that you send me the Forms of warrants from me to the treasurer of this Branch, and from the Melter & Refiner and also from the Coiner, as none have come on with the Books and forms of Certificates for the treasurer, along with the Code of Instruction which you have promised me.

I am gratified to hear that you contemplate meeting this place next month and hope nothing may intervene to disappoint my anxious wishes that you may do so, as I am sure you will thereby promote the public service. It will be the most healthy season and delightful traveling and I hope you will find the South agreeable. We will try and give you a cordial reception and make your stay with us, at this Branch, and in this City, comfortable and contented. Accept my thanks for your friendly congratulations to me on having my family here. Mr Tyler has become a member of it and I only wish I could have you with us for as much time as you can spare.

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I have to request that you accept assurances
of my profound respect and Esteem

David Bradford
Supt.

To

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Phia

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Mint U.S.

April 30/38

Sir,

I send you, with the first mail another set of dies for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, which I beg you to forward under your frame as heretofore.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

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Account of Gold Bullion received from Depositors at the Branch Mint at New Orleans

When received	No. of Deposit	By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	From Weight Ounces	From Weight Pwts. Grains	Fineness Ounces	Fineness Weight Pwts. Grains	Value in Cents of the Gold Ounce	Value in Dollars and Cents of the Gold Deposited	When Paid	Coinage to Assay Office Charges
1838 April	1	R. Gronier & Co	40 Dollars Georgia Gold	11	12 5	10	17 3	1 9 2 98	1 9 2 91		- -
10	2	J. M. Thevenard & Co	Extract from Silver	-	-	93	5 9	1.7 4 9 16	1.7 4 92		3 24
12	3	M. de Lizardi & Co	Extract from Silver	-	-	42	15 2	7 7 2 34	7 7 2 72		1 12
20	4	Wm. A. Gaines	Gold from State Arkansas	12	0 5 2	11	8 15 2	2.2 0 7 18	2.2 0 7 18		- -
20	14	Jos. Rivere	Ditto	3	1 5 5	3	1 14 4	1 7 2 44	1 7 2 44		- -
				18	7 4 9 5	9	3 1 2 15	5 6 4 1 12	5 6 4 1 15		4 15

New Orleans 21st April 1838

Edm. Forstall
Treas. of Br. Mint

Account of Silver Bullion received from Depositors at the Branch Mint at New Orleans

When received	No. of Deposit	By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	From Weight Ounces	From Weight Pwts. Grains	Fineness Ounces	Fineness Weight Pwts. Grains	Value in Cents of the Silver Ounce	Value in Dollars and Cents of the Silver Deposited	When Paid	Coinage to Assay Office Charges
1838 April	10	5 Horace Jean & Co	Coligart	8	1 5	7	7 4 0	1 0 1 70	1 0 1 70		- -
	10	6 J. M. Thevenard & Co	12 Bars	11	4 4 7 3 5	12	2 7 3 20	14.2 8 1 12	13.9 6 3 24		3 21 38
	10	7 J. M. Thevenard	Mexican Coligart	5	8 7 -	5	6 4 8 5	6 5 1 55	6 5 1 55		- -
	13	8 Wm. Hale	Coligart & Cakes	4	1 4 1 15	4	4 3 4 4 4	5 1 2 5 16	5 1 1 5 05		1 20
	12	9 M. de Lizardi & Co	42 Bars & Cakes	48	1 1 5 20	44	4 7 3 24	51 7 5 4 12	51 4 2 2 32		2 3 1 53
	24	11 A. C. Bredall	45 Cakes	1	2 5 5 13	1	3 1 3 17	1 5 9 2 42	1 5 1 8 32		4 13
	27	12 J. Robert & Co	3 Cakes	2	9 3 25	3	1 2 5 3	3 5 2 -	3 5 0 13		1 -
	27	13 Louisiana State Bank	Coined & Uncoined	5	4 3 1 20	7	5 5 3 17	1 1 2 7 90	1 1 2 7 90		- -
	27	14 Samuel Hepburn	Old Silver		4 5 4 -		3 1 3 21	4 4 3 34	4 4 3 34		- -
				11	1 2 3 15	7	1 4 4 9 7 5	8 3 1 4 1 44	8 2 5 2 3 35		3 1 15

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Edm. Forstall
Treas. of Br. Mint

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Treasury of the United States,

May 2nd 1838.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive a Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

John Campbell,

Treasurer of the United States.

Robert M. Patterson Esq.

Draft on Mint for $3000,—

for New Orleans Branch.

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From Treasurer of U.S.
May 2d/38.
Rec'd & Ans'd 5th.

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U S B Mint New Orleans May 3rd 1838.

Sir,

Your letters of the 9th 11th and 16th inst have been received and are now before me. The half-Dollar, Dime and half-dime dies have arrived safe and in good order. The Box and Bale by the Tappanooly were also received last week and the contents of each found in good order. The balances will be adjusted in a few days by Mr Tyler. Your instructions for the test of the Assays at this Branch shall be strictly complyed with. It was particularly satisfactory to Mr Mazarelle as well as to Mr Lyon and myself to find you had made such an arrangement. The Treasurer will reserve the pieces agreeably to your instructions.

I am exceedingly sorry to have to report to you that since my report of the 5th inst nothing has been done in completing the enclosure of this Branch or at putting up the balusters on the piazzas in the new wing or at making the gates for the intrioure passages of the building.

The blacksmith who put up the balusters in the wing that was built first, Mr Dana, done it by special contract with Mr Gordon, and is sub-Contractor for putting up the iron fence round the lot. He says Mr Gordon has not paid him for what he has done, and the understanding now is that nothing more will be done at the fence or the piazzas till payment is made for the extra work already done. Mr Gordon told me more than a month ago that there was a sum of sixty thousand dollars at least of the appropriation for this building unexpended and that he would write on to you to know the State of the funds and pay Mr Dana for the work

already done, but it seems Mr Dana is not yet paid and I am assured by him that he will not put up the iron balusters that are now ready made at his shop till he is paid for those he has put up more than six months ago. On the 19th ult. I wrote to the Hon. the Secy of the Treasury of the U.S. requesting him to issue a Warrant in your favor for $3,000. to pay for the articles I had requested you in my letter of the 28th March to procure for the Mint & Offices of this Branch and also for the Large Lathe, the balance on which Mr Taylor was of opinion would amount to $1,000 and also requested to be informed the amount of the unexpended balances on the appropriations for this Branch: having been to my great surprise informed by a letter from the Secy of the 14th of March that the balance remaining of the appropriation for Compensation to Labourers is only $244.78.

I have the pleasure of enclosing the Report of the Treasurer of this Branch shewing the Amount of bullion deposited in this institution during the last Month viz: Gold $569416, Silver $83.141.44.

I have the honour to be very respectfully
Your Humble Servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

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U. S. B. Mint New Orleans May 5th 1838.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have by this mail transmitted to the Hon. the Sec'y of the Treasury of the U. S. a package containing small assay pieces taken from the Ingots that have been made here and reported by the Assayer of this Branch of standard quality; also a number of assay pieces taken from the Bars deposited here for coinage, requesting him to forward it to you under his frank.

The assay pieces have been taken both from the Ingots and Mexican Bars from the same ends and adjoining the clippings taken by the Assayer of this Branch and will serve to test the accuracy of the Assays made here, of which, I must in great confidence say to you, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Tyler and myself have entertained some doubts which we hope and I am almost sure will by the re-assay at the Mint be removed. The fact is the Assayer has reported as I am informed by the Melter from the same melt a difference of three milliemes. I got the Assayer to assay some pure silver to test his acids and solutions which he did in my presence and they proved correct. I therefore confidently expect the re-assays will confirm his accuracy.

The foregoing list contains the numbers of the pieces and the quality as per the assay at this Branch. It would be as well I would respectfully suggest that the Assayer of the Mint be not informed of even the approximate quality before re-assaying them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdnt Servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint. Philad.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

2 oz. 15 dwt. 18 gr.

From
David Bradford Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
May 5/38.
Rec'd 19th.

Ingots.

No.	qual.	
1	qual.	898.6
2	"	897.8
3	"	901.3
4	"	899.
5	"	898.6
6	"	900.
7	"	901.3
8	"	899.
9	"	900.4
10	"	900.4
11	"	900.
12	"	900.
13	"	900.4
14	"	901.3
15	"	899.

No 1 is an exception to the general rule. It is an ingot made of bullion received from the Charlotte Mint.

Deposites.

No					
16	Silver	942	Gold	17.	
17	"	951	"	13.	
18	"	962	"	17.	
19	"	953	"	9.	
20	"	957	"	5.	
21	"	940	"	17.	
22	"	970	"	12.5	
23	"	846	"	141.	
24	"	959	"	39.	
25	"	738	"	244.	
26	"	933	"	56.	
27	"	968	"	12.5	
28	"	926	"	53.	
29	"	949	"	18.5	
30	"	965	"	13.	
31	"	972	"	12.5	
32	"	982	"	5.5	
33	"	977	"	13.5	
34	"	967	"	5.	
35	"	957.3	"	5.5	
36	"	937.	"	75	
37	"	959.	"	9.5	
38	"	975.	"	4	
39	"	963.	"	5.	
40	"	937.	"	28.	
41	"	992.	"	5.	
42	Silver	952	Gold	4.	
43	"	955	"	45	
44	"	971.5	"	Not Repos	
45	"	950	"	4.5	
46	"	974	"	9.	
47	"	922	"	75.5	
48	"	965	"	10.	
49	"	960	"	6.	
50	"	920	"	78.	
51	"	923	"	75.	
52	"	999			
53	"	999			
54	"	984	"	14.	
55	"	998	"	Not Repos	
56	"	990	"	8.	
57	"	984	"	14.	
58			"	887.	
59			"	890.	

U. S. B. Mint
New Orleans
May 5. 1838.
David Bradford
Superintendent

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Bill lading 31 plates Spelter — by Brig Sonora, Capt. E. M. Hall — May 1, 1838 — to Otis Allen Albany

N. L. Mint, May 5/38.

Sir, I send above a bill of lading of 30 plates of Spelter, amounting to about 3000 lbs, procured, at your request, for the Mint.

I see, this morning, from the Treas. Dep., a draft for $3000, which, though the fact is not mentioned stated, I presume to be that referred to in your letter of the 20th ult., and which will accordingly be placed to your Credit.

A list of forms and instructions for your accounts as mint Depositary, will be sent as early as possible.

R. M. P.

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Daniel Bradford
Dep. Collect.
Albany.

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To
David Bradford Esq
Asst. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
May 5/38.

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U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
May 12th 1838.

Dr R. M. Patterson,
Sir,

I have the pleasure of enclosing you a specimen of our Coinage, a Dime; one of thirty pieces struck on the 8th inst. Mr Tyler found the prop required readjusting and that there was danger of breaking it and only struck a few pieces; ten of which were deposited in the Corner Stone of the New American Theatre which was laid the same day; the remainder distributed as memorials of the event.

I also enclose Mr Lasere's Bond and Oath of Office. I expect my most estimable friend Judge Butler will hand you this, and I feel great pleasure at communicating through him the enclosed.

Your Hum. Sert
David Bradford
Supt.

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Mint of the United States.
May 14th, 1838.

Sir,

Your communication of the 3d inst., contains the report of the proceedings of your Mint for April, was received this morning.

Whatever balance may remain, of your appropriations, unexpended, it will be vain to draw on the treasury for it until some course shall be taken by congress to relieve the embarrassments of the government. The treasury is empty.

Your deposites for April are quite respectable. I hope soon to hear of your having commenced coining, as both the other Branch Mints have done.

R. M. P.

David Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United States,
May 21, 1838

Sir,

You know my extreme anxiety to produce our Mint deposite if possible, and it is now reduced so low that the loss of even a moderate amount of coins would be felt by us, and the more so as our business is increasing. You will excuse me therefore, for the suggestion which I am about to make.

I hold, as Director, a Treasury draft on the Mint, No. 2330, for $3000 to pay bills of the New Orleans Branch — and Commissary General Calender Irvine has a Treasury draft on the Mint, No. 3484, for $26,000. Now the Mint can pay only in Coins, and we should both be quite as well contented with Treasury bills, which you are now authorized to issue. May I then

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ask you to issue a warrant in my favor for $29,000 to take up these drafts, and to remit the amount to be forwarded to me in Treasury bills? I am not sufficiently acquainted with the Treasury forms, to indicate the precise proceeding in this case, but you know the object I have in view, and I am authorized by Gen. Irvine to say that he will join me in any course that will effect it,—should it even be the returning and cancelling of our present drafts.

Your immediate action in the case is of great importance, particularly to Gen. Irvine.

Most respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. W. Patterson
Director

The Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. The box contains a tray—please forwarded, though you know them—duly received.

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U S B Mint New Orleans
May 22nd 1838

Sir,

I had the pleasure of writing you by Judge Butler (enclosing a Dime, one of thirty pieces struck at this Branch on the 7th inst.) who sailed in the Huntsville about two days since. Mr Tyler had impaired his health by his too great assiduity and exertions to make a Commencement of Coining and on the suggestion of Mr Gordon that a change of air was requisite for him, he crossed the Lake and went to Covington but came back in two days and though better is not yet in good health. He is exceedingly pleased with his annealing furnace: he yesterday rolled a quantity of silver very successfully. He had to take down and readjust the Dime Coining Apparatus which is now nearly in readiness for operation.

Mr Tyler had written and written on to Mr Miller of your City for bricks and tiles and expected the Bill would have been presented to you for payment. The Bill of Lading and of the Cost of the same have just arrived here and he wished me to say to you that the Bill would be paid here. The twenty five Cents Dies have arrived.

I enclose at the Request of Sam.l McNamee, a draft on the Bank of the United States for $111.50 which he requests to be paid to his wife.

Yr. Mt. Hble. Servt.

David Bradford

Superintendent

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Mint of the United States,
May 22nd, 1838.

Sir,

The Assay pieces referred to in your letter of the 5th inst. were received from the Secretary of the Treasury, Yesterday. These from the standard ingots have been tonite assayed by Mr. S. Eckfeldt & Dunn & report to you the following results.

No. 1	—	899. 8
" 2	—	899. 8
" 3	—	900. 4
" 4	—	898. 6
" 5	—	899. 5
" 6	—	900. 3
" 7	—	901. 7
" 8	—	898. 6
" 9	—	900.
" 10	—	900. 3
" 11	—	900. 4
" 12	—	899. 5
" 13	—	901. 3
" 14	—	900. 4
" 15	—	898. 2

As these assays are all within the limits allowed by law the Coins made from the ingots may be received; although as you have remarked, the 2nd according to our assay the 1st also, are a little beyond the limits of the

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Mint regulations.

You will observe that the correspondence of Mr. Eckfeldt's assays with Dr. Hoot's is quite satisfactory, none of them differing quite a millieme.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,

(signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To/
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

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Treasury Department
May 28. 183

Sir

The forms transmitted by you for the Assistant
Assistant of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans have duly
received and forwarded.

I will thank you to
inform me whether the Money on deposit at the Mint
is kept in the Mint or in Banks & if in the former, whether
the vault & securities are ample
and if in the latter, what bonds is
the depositary of it.

I remain very Resp[y]
Your Obed[t] Sv[t]
Sam[l] Southard
Sec. of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad[a]

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Instructions in relation to the course of accounts for gold and silver at the Branch of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans.

A. Of the Purchase of Bullion for Coinage, on behalf of the United States.

1. When a deposite of bullion is made at the Mint, it is first received by the Treasurer, by whom, or under whose direction, it is weighed immediately, and in the presence of the depositor, if practicable. But if the bullion be of less value than $100, (which may nearly enough be judged by its weight and appearance) or if it be so base as to be unsuitable for the operation of the Mint, it is usually refused, as is authorized by law.

2. The Weigher enters in his Weigh-book, the date of deposite, kind of bullion, in what shape and by whom deposited; if gold, from what state or country originally derived. If the bullion be of gold and contain a considerable quantity of silver, it is noted as "Gold containing silver", and so in the opposite case; and the bullion is entered in the gold or silver weighing-book, according as the gold or silver appears to exceed in weight. If there are several parcels, they are weighed severally, according to the wishes of the depositor; but it is not usual to make distinct items of parcels of less value than $100. The weights before melting are expressed in the right hand columns of the book, in pounds, ounces, and decimal parts of an ounce. Gold is weighed to the $\frac{1}{100}$ lb (.01) of an ounce, and silver to the $\frac{1}{10}$ oz (.01) of an ounce; fractions of these parts are not given to the depositor.

3. The Weigher gives a receipt [illegible] for the weight before melting. This receipt is not properly transferable, except in peculiar circumstances, and with

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a perfect assurance of safety to the Mint.

4. If the Assayer decides that the Bullion ought to be melted (before it can be assayed), the Melter & Refiner receives it, unofficially, for that purpose, it is melted on the stones, or the next day, if possible, and returned without delay to the Treasurer, in whose custody it had remained, in point of law, throughout this process.

5. The Weighs enter the weight after melting, in the left hand columns of the weigh books. As by long experience, it is well ascertained what are the proper limits of loss in melting, it is the duty of the Weighs, at this stage, to see that these limits are not exceeded, or if they are, to satisfy himself that the peculiarity of the case justified it. The following rules will be of service:

"An Estimate, by the Assayer of the principal Mint, of what should be the Ordinary Loss, and what the extreme limit of loss, in melting gold & silver deposits, preparatory to the Assay, as far as he can judge from his own experience, and from what should be expected from careful operators, in ordinary mettings.

Gold.

Description.	Loss in Weight of 5000 & 2000 Dwt	1000 Dwt	500 Dwt	100 Dwt	50 Dwt	10 Dwt
1. Ore, Raw Sand, Nuggets	.01	.02	.01	.05	.03	.25
2. Coined & Dust	Irregular and Uncertain					
3. Ores	.01	.02	.01	.05	.03	.25
4. Jewelry & Plate	.01	.02	.01	.05	.03	.25
5. Operations	Irregular and Uncertain					
6. Combinations	.01	.02	.01	.05	.03	.25

Silver.

Description.	Quantity of Alloy to be melted with it.	Ordinary Loss.	Extreme Loss.	Returns if melted.	Charge.
1. Bars, Rich, Coin, Dollars	10 p.	4 p.	6 p.	4 p. one p.	1 p.
2. Old Plate, Jewelry, Dollars	10 p.	4 p.	6 p.	4 p. one p.	1 p.
3. Coins	10 p.	4 p.	6 p.	4 p. one p.	1 p.
4. Jewelry & Plate	10 p.	4 p.	6 p.	4 p. one p.	1 p.
5. Combinations	Must be melted	4 p.	6 p.	4 p. one p.	1 p.
	Must be melted	2 p.	5 p.	4 p. one p.	10 p.

N.B. Clean bars of gold are frequently melted without any loss; and when a single bar is deposited, and appears to have been well melted, it is usually assayed without remelting; and, of course, reported without loss. The regular deduction from gold coins, not melted for assay (as when they are not mutilated), and are of uniform and known fineness, is 76 to the ounce per draught of 250 ounces. The above estimate of losses in gold, supposes that a protective flux (as borax) has been used. A refining flux (as nitre) is not used in melting for assay, unless the metal be in a very impure and unbreakable condition, in which case, as the loss will be uncertain and considerable, the depositor ought to be informed in regard to the process."

6. As soon as the weight after melting, (or after deduction, where melting is dispensed with,) is ascertained, the Treasurer's Clerk transcribes the date of deposit, name of the depositor, description and number of bullion, and weight after melting, upon a blank, called the Assayer's Report (Section 22). This is taken to the Assayer, who, at the same time, (or previously,) cuts off such small pieces of the bullion as may be necessary for his operations.

7. The Assayer inserts in the Report the fineness of the bullion, and signs his name. If the bullion be gold, and contain silver enough to require (and, according to law and the rules of the Mint, the Assayer proposes an additional Report, stating the quality of the bullion, as to the precious metal it contained. The rule is, to separate bullion for the benefit of the depositor, when the precious metal contained shall be worth five dollars or more, after allowing for cost of parting & necessary alloy. The Assayer calculates, in a book kept for that purpose, the standard weight of each parcel, and the value of the sum of these parcels, (if there be more than one,) in coin. Reports, these results are carried to the nearest thousandth part of one ounce, for gold, and to the nearest tenth (.05) for silver, and are marked by him in pencil as to Report as a check to the calculations afterwards made

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in the Treasurer's Office, but without any lawful responsibility on the part of the Assayer, for their accuracy. The Assayer also gives directions in pencil for making the deductions; concerning which the Assayer of the New Orleans Mint has already received minute instructions. Having entered the details of the Report in his Register, he returns it to the Treasurer.

8. The Treasurer, or his Clerk, upon receiving the Report, calculates the Standard weight of each parcel, and the value of the whole; if these agree with the Assayer's pencil marks, they are taken as correct; if not, the two officers compare and adjust the account. The Treasurer or Clerk, then calculates the deductions, (which are to be verified by another person in the same Office) and completes the Report by re-entering in it the matter added in pencil.

9. A Warrant (B.C.) is then made out, for the amount payable after deduction; it is signed by the Director or Superintendent, and properly endorsed. The Clerk also makes out a memorandum (C.N.2.B.W.2.) stating the transaction in detail, and giving the net value of each parcel.

10. When the depositor presents his receipt, (Chap. V.) he signs the receipt in the book of the Warrants, and the duplicate in the Margin of the Warrant Book. The Coins are then paid to him, and he receives likewise the Memorandum above mentioned.

11. The several deposits are opened upon the Treasurer's Registers, and are examined very carefully.

B. Of the Deposits of Bullion for Coinage.

1. When the Treasure is unprovided with funds of the United States to purchase deposits, or if the deposite is so large that it cannot be met with funds on hand, it is received on credit as the Depositor, who must await it Coinage).

2. Every step is taken as before up to payment & inclusive. The Treasurer issues to the Depositor his negotiable certificate for the net value, together with a memorandum. The depositor is credited on the Bullion Journal for the amount, and when the depositor is paid upon the Director's (or Superintendent's) Warrant, he is charged with the same & the certificate is returned to the Mint. All the Warrants and forms heretofore used at the Mint at New Orleans, were based upon this crediting depositor, it having been, until within one year, the usual course at this Mint. (It is now, however, entirely superseded by the system of prompt payment, and will not be called into use except upon the withdrawal of Government funds.

C. Of the account of Officers in the Mint.

The only Officers who account with each other are the Treasurer with the Melter & Refiner, and the Treasurer with the Coiner. The small parcels of bullion, which are assayed by the Assayer in his operations are in point of law, under the custody of the Melter & Refiner.

From time to time, the Treasurer (by his Weigher) delivers gold and silver bullion and clippings to the Melter & Refiner, both these Officers make entries of such deliveries on small weigh books. The Melter & Refiner is charged with the standard weight of

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depositor, and with the actual weight of Clippings, which are always presumed to be of standard fineness.

As soon as the ingots are ready for weighing, assays are taken from each melt by the Assayer. That Officer reports the fineness of such as are within the proper limits; others are reported as condemned, and must be returned by the Melter & Refiner for remelting. (R.H.R.) Gold ingots may vary from standard fineness one thousandth, that is from 899 to 901, and silver ingots two thousandths, that is from 898 to 902, agreably to Mint regulations.

The Assayer's Report of approved ingots are kept on file by the Treasurer. The ingots having been approved, the Coiner, the Melter & Refiner, and Weigher, attend at the Weighing, and at least two accounts must be taken of the weights at the time. It is necessary that the Coiner should attend (as well as the Melter & Refiner) because the ingots are weighed but once, and the delivery to the Treasurer by the Melter & Refiner, is simultaneous with the delivery by the Treasurer to the Coiner.

This method is adopted also with respect to the delivery of Clippings.

In weighing gold ingots for half eagles it is usual to put 25 in each draught, ingots for quarter eagles, twelve in a draught. Gold Clippings are weighed in draughts of 25 pounds exactly. The draughts of gold are rendered in hundredths of an ounce, each weight is noted separately in pounds, ounces, and hundredths of an ounce; when the weighing is completed, the sum is taken and reduced to ounces and hundredths of an ounce, from which is invariably deducted (whether the Coiner has ingots or clippings) 1/2 th. of an ounce for each draught, as an allowance for dirt, grease, &c. The remainder is the true weight

to be debited or credited. All these calculations must appear at large on each Weighing-Book.

In weighing silver ingots for half-dollars or half-dimes, it is usual to put 24 in each draught; ingots for quarter dollars, 34; and ingots for dimes, 20 in a draught. Silver Clippings are weighed in draughts of 70 pounds exactly. The draughts of silver are weighed and entered to the 100th of an ounce. The same course is then pursued, as just stated, for gold, except that the deduction from each draught of silver ingots or clippings is 32/100 (.20) of an ounce.

Whenever the Coiner is about to make a delivery of coins to the Treasurer, he gives notice to the latter to attend at the weighing, at which time it is to be ascertained that the coins are within the limits prescribed by law, agreably to the 25th & 26th Sections of the act of January 18th, 1837. The coins being approved, are delivered to the Treasurer by tale, and the whole weight is deduced therefrom by calculation, or exchange. At the time of such delivery, the Assayer also attends while the Treasurer takes one piece from every 1000 pcs of gold, or 5000 pieces of silver (Repeating the actual delivery) as an assay piece, agreably to Section 27 th. Such pieces are noted in a book kept for the purpose, stating their numbers, weight, value, and to what warrants they correspond; they are then enveloped in papers properly endorsed, and forwarded by mail to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Journal only, Gold (including Coins reserved for Assaying) represents the Treasurer of the Board Mint, who is charged with the coins, and is where onely they remain in point of time although transmitted to the principal Mint. At the latter place they are received as a deposite for Coining, and after the annual assays, coins made to

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returned therefor, equivalent to their value as standard bullion, a will be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, subject to his draft.

At the close of the month, the Treasurer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner sum up, each in his own book appropriated for that purpose, the various deliveries of bullion, ingots, clippings and coins, & all account again in standard weight and value. The Treasurer's Clerk makes out Warrants for the same, (generally to the same set persons) as of the various daily deliveries, of each kind, constituted one delivery, at the end of the month. These warrants are signed by the Director, (or Superintendent) receipted on the back, and form the basis of the Treasurer's Journal Entries, (3) they are forwarded also to Washington quarterly with other Vouchers.

At the end of each month the Treasurer, Clerk journalizes the Bullion transactions, agreeably to the forms. (3) These entries are next posted in the Bullion Ledger, agreeably to accompanying specimens. (3) All the accounts are closed and balanced, on the last days of March, June, September, and December. As soon thereafter as it can conveniently be done, abstracts of these accounts, agreeably to the accompanying forms, are made out & signed by the proper officers of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner, furnishing counter statements of their account of Gold & Silver. (See forms) These statements or abstracts, together with the various warrants and Assayer's Reports upon Bullion, and the Ordinary Accounts to be hereafter noticed, are made up into one package, sealed, together with an explanatory letter, sent to the first Auditor at Washington.

Once the last day of each year, the contents of the vaults of the Coiner, and Melter & Refiner, are delivered to the Treasurer, accompanied with statements of the two officers first named, of the amount of bullion of each kind, (gold & silver) received and returned by them respectively, during the year, exclusive of balances; also, the amount returned for the purpose of settlement, and the amount of the allowances, which they require as wastage.

The Melter & Refiner shall also present, at that time, his account of value used for alloy, and a fair estimate of the proceeds, after all deductions, of such sweeps as he may have not smelted, such estimate to be verified by trials and calculations of the Assayer, and if their various accounts shall be found just by the Treasurer, and the Director, (or Superintendent) shall be well satisfied that there has been a bona fide waste of the precious metals, and necessary consumption of silver alloy, equal to the amount claimed, he shall allow the same by his Warrants, (Rule I.) provided the claim do not exceed the limits prescribed in Sections 23 and 29 of the law already referred to.

Instructions in relation to the accounts of Ordinary Expenses of the Mint & Establishments.

The Ordinary Accounts are thus classified.

1. Salaries of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint.
2. Wages of Laborers.
3. Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs of the Mint.

See Specimens of Journal Entries (C) & Ledger Entries (D)

In the transaction of the Ordinary accounts, a bill pre-

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sented to the Treasurer, must be signed or approved by the Officer ordering the articles mentioned in the bill.

An Ordinary Warrant, X signed by the Director (or Superintendent) for the amount, is then made out x numbered, which must be receipted on the back, and, upon being presented to the Treasurer, is paid.

A Bill Book is kept, in which copies of all the bills are entered, the number of all the Warrants and the dates of the payments.

A Book is also kept, entitled "List of Warrants for Ordinary Expenses," in which the date, number, and amount of each Warrant, as well as the person, in whose favor it is drawn, and briefly for what sort of expenditure, are stated; these amounts are closed and cast up in the book quarterly.

Every Warrant when closes the bill for the payment of which it is issued, and is filed according to its number, and the class to which it belongs, to be forwarded to the Department, quarterly.

All the accounts between the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans and the Treasurer, or the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, for money transmitted, or articles purchased, will be of a subsidiary character, and will not be returned to the Department. The receipts taken here will be forwarded to New Orleans always at the close of each quarter, and in time to be included in the quarterly accounts.

To/ David Bradford Esq.
Treas.r of Branch Mint.
New Orleans.

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Mint of the United States,
May. 29. 1838.

Sir,

I send you herewith, Mr. A. R. Eckfeldt's report on the assays of deposites made at your Mint, of which Specimins were sent by you, and received here on the 21st inst. I agree perfectly in the remarks which accompany the report; and will merely add that Dr. Hoxt, (Notwithstanding some variations from our assays which we cannot understand,) shows that he is well acquainted with the duties of his department, and, when using proper caution, may be safely relied on. I deem it, therefore, unnecessary to send to this mint any more assay pieces from deposites, unless some peculiar circumstances may make your judge an appeal to us desirable. I wish the migot assays, however, to be still tested here, according to my former instructions.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

Signed

To
Daniel Bradford, Esq.
Asst. Dr. Mint,
New Orleans

To, David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 29 '38

Report of the Assayer, to the Director of the Mint.

Assay of Silver containing Gold, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans; and the re-assay of the same, at the Principal Mint, Philadelphia.

	New Orleans Silver.	New Orleans Gold.	Philadelphia Silver.	Philadelphia Gold.		New Orleans Silver.	New Orleans Gold.	Philadelphia Silver.	Philadelphia Gold.
No. 16.	962	17	961	17	No. 39	963	5	963	
17.	951	13	949.5	13	40	927	38	930	
18.	962	17	961	17	41	992	5	993	
19.	953	9	957	9	42	952	4.	953	
20.	957	5	963.5	5	43	958	4.5	957.5	
21.	940	17	941	18	44	9715	—	970	
22.	920	12.5	930	12.5	45	950	4.5	951	
23.	896	141	898	111	46	974	9	975	
24.	957	29	957	29	47	922	75.5	921	
25.	938	244	937.5	244	48	965	10	963.5	
26.	925	36	925	34	49	960	6	957	
27.	968	12.5	966.5	12.5	50	920	78	920	
28.	926	53	926	53.5	51	923	75	920.5	
29.	969	18.5	967.5	17	52	999	—	998	
30.	965	13	964	13	53	999	—	997.5	
31.	972	12.5	975	12.5	54	984	14	976	
32.	982	5.5	980		55	998			
33.	977	12.5	978		56	990	8	984	
34.	967	5	965.5		57	984	14		
35.	957.5	6.5	961		58		897		888
36.	937	7.5	939.5		59		890		891
37.	959	9.5	957						
38.	975	4	973.5						
	715		735						

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Remarks. The Assays of Gold, contained in the Silver, proved so satisfactory, that it was not thought necessary to continue them beyond the 16th item. Too great a variation, however appears in No. 24.

The assays of Silver, are with a few exceptions, equally satisfactory; they are never expected to correspond so minutely as those of Gold. The exceptions referred to, are Nos. 19, 20, 31, 35, 40. 49, 54 & 56; some of which were assayed twice here, and must be considered as erroneously reported, or transcribed at the Branch Mint. The Nemid Assay is so exact a process, that any diversity of results greater than two millièmes at the farthest, ought to be charged to some accidental occurrence, which a second assay would correct.

It must be noticed that Nos. 55 & 57 varied considerably from the result at the Branch Mint, but there was not enough of the Metal sent us to repeat the operation

By summing up the results of the 40 silver assays, reported, at each Mint & dividing the difference by the number of assays, it will be seen that the Assayer of the Branch Mint has reported on an average, only one quarter of a millième too high; and that therefore, (assuming an equality of weights) the Melter & Refiner, the Treasurer, & the Depositors, have reason to be perfectly satisfied; while the Assayer may assume with confidence, that he has been working upon correct principles.

Mint of the United States,
Assayers Office, May 28. 1838. Jacob R. Eckfeldt,
Assayer.
Signed

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SHIPPED in good order and condition, by John Bohlen
in and upon the Barque called the Gazelle
whereof Elwell is Master, for the present Voyage, and now lying in
the Port of Philadelphia and bound for New Orleans

Sold by W. Hyde, 71 Chesnut St. Philadelphia.

N° 3 4 6 Six Casks of Cucumbers

Being marked and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in the like good order and condition at the aforesaid Port of
New Orleans (the dangers of the Seas only excepted,) unto
the Branch Bank of the U. S. or to
their Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods at the rate of
Thirty Six 50/100 Dollars
with 5% Primage and Average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Barque
hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished the others
to stand void.

Dated at Philadelphia the 31 25 day of May 1838

A.M. Elwell

£7 36.10
1.14
$ 37.24

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Mint U. S.
Philad. June 20th, 1838.

Sir,

The assay pieces sent by you through the Secretary of the Treasury, have been duly received, and are now under examination. As soon as a report on them can be got ready, they will be forwarded to you.

I am sorry that I overlooked your question as to the old dies. The course to be taken is to deface them effectually, either by a hammer or by chisel, or by nitric acid; this should be done, by the Chief Coiner, in your presence, and a report of the destroyed dies sent to me, so that a corresponding notice may be inserted in the register of dies forwarded to the Branch Mints. When the dies are thoroughly defaced, the stub may be used employed, by the Coiner, for any useful purpose to which it is applicable.

Mr. Upsford has arrived at Philadelphia, and presented me your letter of the 17th of April, in which you state that you are very desirous that he

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should be allowed his travelling expenses in returning to Philadelphia," and urged "if I think you authorised to make him the allowance, I will pay him one hundred dollars out of your funds Treasury funds in my hands."

As I agree with you, that, under the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Offord's case, his claim for his travelling expenses is a just one, I have complied with your request, and paid him $100 out of your funds in my hands. ~~This receipt is sent~~ will be forwarded to you.

As the ~~state~~ investigation of the difficulties at your Mint is, under the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, committed to the District Attorney, Mr. Liddell, I shall not, at this time, make any other remark ~~on the subject of~~ with regard to your communications on this subject, than to request that the whole matter be laid fully and promptly before Mr. Liddell.

I am Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
R. M. P.

Daniel Bradford Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.

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U S B Mint New Orleans
June 10th 1838.

Sir,

I have to report to you agreeably to your letter of the 14th February last that some progress has been made latterly toward the Completion of the enclosure of the lot and that the work is going on now daily. The large granite stairs in the Centre building are in the same situation as stated in my last report. The Steirs of the Superintendents quarters are finished but no ballusters are put to the piazzas in the new wing. The arrangements for Coinage are Complete so far as one Coining press which I am truly happy to state is now in operation. It has given Mr. Tyler a great deal of trouble. On the 7th of May he struck a few pieces, only thirty, when he apprehended it would receive injury if he should strike any more. I requested him not to incur the risk of breaking it and he stopped its operation, took it apart and was engaged in dressing and readjusting it till near the end of last month when he set it a going again when to his great mortification it broke the lifters of the lower die and caused a stoppage of a week. I hope it is now so well regulated that it will give no further trouble. The rolling apparatus has required much dressing and I am delighted with an invention of Mr. Tyler for that purpose which has succeeded admirably.

The Treasurer has reported to me that the Deposites for the last month of Silver Bullion amount to Twenty three thousand eight hundred and ninety nine 60/100 dollars and of Gold Bullion to two thousand five hundred and two 52/100 dollars. The Mexican ports being

blockaded by the French fleet has prevented our receiving a large quantity of Bullion that was expected here before this time.

Mr. Tyler has informed me that the amounts and kinds of Coinage executed to this date are about twenty thousand dimes.

I have the pleasure of informing you that the articles shipped by you on the J. Palmer, the Ella Rand and Homer have all arrived in good order as per Bills of Lading. We were very sorry not to find with the adjusting balances the weights for the Balances that came by the Pappanooly, and I have to request that you furnish this Branch with the requisite weights at your earliest possible convenience as this only way we have and we daily are those we borrowed from the Gold Bank formerly belonging to the Branch of the Bank of the U.S. in this place, and which we presume are accurate but we would be greatly relieved by having weights furnished us by you.

I must submit at this time a few matters on which I wish to have your early instructions. Mr. Tyler will have to go to Philadt. for his family this Summer and from the fact that the yellow fever is prevailing in Havana it is generally apprehended we shall not escape and it would probably be for the interest of the public service that the Officers and Workmen should have leave of absence from the latter part of July to the beginning of November the treasurer and Assayer being accustomed annually remaining at all events and we think the public service would not be inconvenienced as Deposites could be received and Certificates given for them as is now done

I have to tender you our thanks for your prompt attention to having the Reassays made and communicating the result. I will have to ask you indulgence in requesting in two days Reassays to be made of Standard ingots and of several Mexican bars.

I have just Rec.d a package containing instructions and forms for which I am very thankful as also your favor of the 2.nd inst. and Bill of Lading.

I am desirous of being informed how far I may be authorized to exercise my discretion in granting leave of absence to the other Officers and to the Workmen, and as I expect to send my family to the neighborhood of St. Francisville by the 1st of August, whether I might not accompany them substituting in my place the treasurer in my absence. Your frank and friendly instructions will confer a favor on your

Faithful Servant

David Bradford
Superintendt

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philad.a

Mint of the United States,
Jan 22d, 1838.

Sir,

A letter received by me yesterday, from David Bradford Esq., Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, contains the following communication, with regard to which I do not feel authorized to act without your instructions, or at least your approbation.

"I must submit, at this time," (says Mr. Bradford,) "a few matters on which I wish to have your early instructions. Mr. Tyler [the Coiner] will have to go to Philadelphia in his family this summer, and, from the fact that the yellow fever is prevailing in Havana, it is generally apprehended we shall not escape, and it would probably be for the interest of the public service that the officers and workmen should have leave of absence from the latter part of July to the beginning

of November. The Students and Assayers being acclimated will be remaining at all events, and in this the public service would not be incommoded, as deposits could be received and certificates given for them as is now done.

Mr. Bradford afterwards adds. "I am desirous of being informed how far I may be authorized to encrease my discretion in granting leave of absence to the other officers, and to the workmen; and, as I expect to send my family to the neighborhood of St Francisville by the 1st of August, whether I might not accompany them, substituting in my place the Treasurer in my absence."

On the subject of this communication, I have to state that there was an understanding on the part of the officers and men who came from here, that they should not be required to remain at the Mint during the first summer. General Gaines, and all other citizens of New Orleans whom I consulted, said that to do so would be very dangerous; and, indeed, without the prospect of leave of absence at the first sickly season, no officer or man could have been induced to go on from the North. I therefore agree with the expectations and request made by Mr. Bradford, and join in asking that the leave of absence applied for may have its application.

During the prevalence of yellow fever in this city, the operations of the Mint were always suspended; and the men were put on half pay. I would propose the same course, for the New Orleans Mint, for the approaching sickly season; with the condition, however, that the half pay should be allowed only

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to three men the return to the Mint ~~sent~~ Assayer who reached ~~at the most leading, and the note into contract~~ to continue their work and who entered into contract to continue in the Mint ~~a~~ thereafter that leader if required.

It will probably not be necessary to extend this indulgence beyond the present approaching Summer. After that the Officers and men will it is believed that the risk will be much diminished, and that the Officers and men may be required to keep their places as acclimated citizens.

R. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
June 22d, 1838.

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the 10th inst., enclosing the report of your proceedings for May; and I am happy to find that Mr. Tyler seems to have at last the command the difficulties that have beset him. It is exceedingly desirable that all your pursuits should be put in good working order before the close of the session, and I pray that no exertion may be spared to bring about this object.

The application which you make respecting the interruption of your proceedings for the present is of importance that I have not judged it right to act upon it without the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury. I have, therefore,

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made to him a full representation of the whole matter, and, as soon as his instructions are received, I will write to you.

I have also written to him respecting your rifle, which I know to be nearly finished, for I saw them two months ago, nearly for adjustment. They are made by Mr. Hostler, at Washington.

P. M. R.

Col
David Bradford, Esq
Inspr. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

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Treasury Department
June 25. 1838.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22d. instant on the subject of leave of absence being granted to certain Officers of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, during the sickly season, I have only to remark, that I leave it to your self to exercise a sound discretion over the whole matter, under all the circumstances.

Referring to your other communications of the same date I have to state that Mr. Keagler has been furnished with a copy of Mr. Wheeler's letter and been urged to complete the [illegible] if practicable by the time Mr. Wheeler shall reach here.

On the arrival of Mr. Peers from England who is hourly expected with the amount of the Smithsonian Legacy, it is probable that the Department may be able

to

deposit with the mint nearly half a millions of dollars
in foreign gold coin.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Servt
Geo. M. Bibb
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

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U S B Mint New Orleans

June 26th 1838

Sir I have the honor of transmitting herewith a list of Assay clippings the first columns being the number of the envelope the second the number of the Melt the third the fineness agreeable to the Assayer's report

No of Envelope	No of Melt	Fineness	No of Envelope	No of Melt	Fineness
1	16 57	898.2	21 36	85	899.5
2	17 58	898.	22 37	87	899.3
3	18 59	899.5	23 38	88	899.7
4	19 60	899.5	24 39	91	898.2
5	20 61	899.	25 40	92	900.2
6	21 65	898.6	26 41	93	901.1
7	22 71	899.5	27 42	95	899.5
8	23 72	899.5	28 43	96	900.4
9	24 73	898.6	29 44	97	901.1
10	25 74	899.	30 45	86	899.
11	26 75	898.6	31 46	94	899.3
12	27 76	900.4			
13	28 77	899.5			
14	29 78	899.			
15	30 79	898.8			
16	31 80	898.2			
17	32 81	898.6			
18	33 82	899.5			
19	34 83	899.5			
20	35 84	900.8			

The pieces I forwarded on the 15th inst to the Secy of the Treasy requesting him to transmit them to you under his frank

I have been afflicted with very sore eyes which is my apology for not writing sooner and getting the above written by another hand.

Very Respectfully

Yr Hum. Servt.

David Bradford

Supt.

6 oz 9 dwt 3 gr. = weight of 31 slips.

51 15/100

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Mint U. S.
June 27th, 1835.

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., I ~~wrote~~ made a communication on the subject to the Secretary of the Treasury, of which I send you a copy enclosed. I have just received his answer, under date of the 25th ~~to the~~ in the following terms.

"In reply to your letter of the 22d inst., on the subject of leave of absence being granted to certain officers of the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the sickly season, I have only to remark, that I have it to yourself to exercise a sound discretion over the whole matter, under all the circumstances."

The discretion which is thus granted to me, I transfer to you, giving my consent to your granting leave of absence, at the time and for the periods that you may judge proper. My letter to the Secretary will give you my views on the subject, and I must beg you to ~~the~~

ute, as to the measures, the precautions which I have suggested. Such as return, and enter into contracts for the following year, (always reserving at your pleasure) may have half pay given to them, but no allowance for travelling expenses.

R. M. P.
Sec

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

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Treasury Department.
July 2. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail a box containing small assay pieces received from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

Application has been made for a specimen of the new coin of one dollar to take to the west for distribution. Will you be pleased to send to the Department about $ 50 by the first opportunity & the amount will be promptly accounted to you.

I remain very Respy
Your Obed. Svt
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R. M. T. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila.

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Mint of the United States.
July 7th, 1838.

Sir,

I send herewith the result of the assays made ~~yesterday~~, by Mr. DuBois, of the pieces received from you, through the Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday. — The results are, on the whole, very satisfactory; yet although they are all within the limits of the law, I would recommend that bulls No. 57 and 82 should be rejected. The assays were made twice, and found to be ~~899.3~~ and 899, — the latter differing 2/10 milliems from Dr. Hunt's assay.

Most of the assay-pieces are found to be very brittle, so that we doubt whether it will be practicable to make dimes from them, though they all seem to be pure dime ingots. If great difficulty occur, it will be best to roll them down for half-dollars.

Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director
David Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint, N. Orleans

Branch of the Mint of the U States
New Orleans August 2nd 1838

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint

Sir as there is a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Clerk of the Weigh Room, and as it seems impracticable to procure a suitable person in this place at the salary authorized by Law: you would oblige me by selecting such a person (if one can be obtained in your City) as you shall think qualified for so important a situation. in making choice of a Clerk for that place, it is very desirable that he should be such a one as would be agreeable to the Coiner, and Melter & Refiner, and as they will probably be in your City this Summer; I shall be obliged by your conferring with them concerning him.

I remain respectfully
Your Most Obed. Servant
Chas. Forstall
Treas. of Br. Mint (N.O)

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U S B Mint New Orleans
August 2nd 1838.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of writing you by Mr. Tyler who leaves this with Mr. Maxwell and lady in a few hours. To him I take great pleasure in referring for all information interesting to you.

I have availed myself of Mr. Tyler's very acceptable offer to attend to procuring many articles for this Branch when he will be in Philad.a and I think his services in that respect would authorize me to have his traveling expenses allowed him of which however I am not certain that it devolves on me and therefore request your approbation and authorization if requisite.

Mr. T. has had an arduous and indeed a slavish task thus far, and indeed I do not think he can stand it and get along without an assistant which I urgently request may be allowed him.

I remain, in much haste, Your very

Humble Servant

David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
Philad.a

U S B Mint New Orleans
August 2nd 1838.

Dr Sir,

Mr. Lyle will inform you of our disappointment in getting a suitable Clerk and weigh-Master. Mr. Forstall, who is the most interested and responsible in the matter, has requested me specially to get you to employ for this Branch one in Philadelphia in which the other officers and myself concur. I therefore hope you will render us this favor and service.

In haste
Your Hum. Sert.
David Bradford
Superintendent

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint
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U S B Mint New Orleans
August 4th 1838

Sir,

The suspension of the regular business of this B. Mint until the first of November next affording me an opportunity of absenting myself as the Treasurer will represent, me, I am extremely anxious to avail myself of the occasion to confer with you personally on the subject of my duties and the adjustment of business which I feel to be important and delicate. All the Officers except myself and the Treasurer have had the advantage of more or less training in the Mint at Philadelphia, and although you have communicated to me much information by letter relative to my duties and the management of this B. Mint, still there is much detail only to be clearly comprehended by personal interview and observation In the settlement of accounts with the Contractors I anticipate considerable difficulty and on this subject I have been greatly embarrassed and feel very heavy responsibility. This Branch is becoming every day in the estimation of the public and the mercantile community especially more interesting and important and in an interview with you, Sir, the whole subject could be freely discussed and my mind relieved from all embarrassment and doubt. Under these circumstances I trust you will authorize me to proceed to Philadelphia during the recess a request in which all the Officers concur and which I should not make either if my private circumstances permitted me to do so on my own account or if I did not sincerely believe that it is required by the public interest and the welfare of this Branch Mint.

Mr. Tyler, Mr. Maxwell and Lady left this in the Steamer Bonaparte for Louisville on the 2nd inst. in good health on their way to Philad.a

The enclosing the lot is progressing daily and I am assured it will be finished next week. I have just had an interview with Mr. Gordon and he agrees with me that if Mitchell, the Contractor, does not have the granite steps finished or far underway by 1st. Sept. that I shall employ some other person to finish the stairs.

I have to report to you that in the Month of July there was deposited in this Branch Mint Gold Bullion amounting to $5745.13 and Silver amts to $1490.94, Total Value $2.074.07 and that there have been executed and delivered by the Coiner to the Treasurer 367434 Dime Coins,

since the commencement of coining up to this time, value $36,763.40

I have to request that you do me the very particular favor to write me at this place by Express Mail in Answer to my request to Coin the Metal and that you consider the same with all the indulgence and allowance it admits of, and accept assurances of my Respect and Esteem

Your very Humble Servant
David Bradford
Superintendant

To Dr R M Patterson
Director
Mint
Phila.

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Mint of the United States,
Aug. 18. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th was received on the 18th inst., and should have been answered promptly, had I not felt somewhat embarrassed by the application which you make for my instructions authorizing you to make a visit to the Mint here. I have indeed not been able, even yet, to make up my mind on this subject, which I feel to involve a degree of responsibility very disproportionate to the mere expense of the proposed visit. An interview with Mess. Tyler & Maxwell may probably serve to remove my doubts, & I feel, therefore, constrained to await their arrival which may be looked for daily. You mention that they concur with you as to the propriety of your coming on to this Mint, and they may therefore probably be able to remove the difficulties which at present beset my judgment as to this matter. I will write to you again, immediately after their arrival here.

Very respy
Your obt. Servt.

Signed R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
David Bradford. Esq.
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans.

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Mint of the United States,
Aug. 25. 1838.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find 2 Bills Lading, which have just come to hand, tho' the Crucibles were shipped, at New York, on the 18th & 20th inst.

The shipment consists, as you may see, of 8 casks Crucibles for your Branch, being per invoice

F.B. Nos. 1. 2. 3 & 4. — 4 casks Blk Lead Pots, each cask containing

16	Pots	No. 25	is 400	Numbers
13	"	" 30	" 390	"
12	"	" 35	" 420	"
8	"	" 60	" 480	"
5	"	" 80	" 400	"
Each Cask = 54	Pots		2090	Numbers
4 casks = 216	Pots		8360	Numbers

at 3cts per No = $250.80

F.B. Nos 5 to 8, 4 casks round Sand Crucibles, containing,

No. 5 —	36	Nests,	5 in a nest
" 6	36	"	5 " " "
" 7	37	"	5 " " "
" 8	36	"	5 " " "
145	Nests	@ .60cts =	$87.00

$337.80

We hope you may find all right

Very respectfully,

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Sup. N.O. Br Mint

Yrs &c.,
R. M. Patterson, Director,
per Geo. T. Denning, Director's Clerk

Inc. 2 Bills Lading for 8 casks Crucibles, dated 18th & 20th 1838.

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Mint U.S.
Sep. 27th 1838.

Sir,

The long detention of Mr. Tyler before he reached Philadelphia prevented my having any explanation as to the question of your visit to this Mint, until the latest of the drafts had decided the question for us.

You are aware that Mr. Maxwell has been detained at Cincinnati, by the illness of his wife. I am sorry to state also that Mr. Tyler has been seriously ill, and is still confined to his chamber.

I pray you to send me, as early as you can, an estimate of the appropriations wanted for your Branch, for 1839. Remember that the unexpended balances of the present year will be available for the next, and will must therefore be considered in your estimates.

R. M. P.

Dr. David Bradford E.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct 5 1829

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and inclosed Statements of the 5th Ship and also of packages Nos of the Coins assorted for the Annual Assay with a description of their contents,

I am Very Respectfully Yours

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Treasury Department
October 13th 1838

Sir,

I have directed the Treasurer to issue a Treasury draft in your favor on the Collector of New York for $50.000 payable to your order in that city - and to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in the account raised on the books of the Mint by the act of 1837.

It is my wish, that this sum, after receipt by you may be made available at the New Orleans Branch Mint where there is understood to be a deficiency of means to make payment to depositors of bullion for coinage. If you and the director there can arrange the mode of realizing this sum for that purpose so as to best promote the convenience of all parties, the amount can hereafter be transferred from the credit of the Treasurer at your books, to that of the Branch at New Orleans. I have directed this transfer to be made payable in New York in the belief, that it will afford some facility by obviating the necessity of transportation from Philadelphia to

Sam, Sir,
very respectfully
Your obed. Sr.
Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

depositors, living in New York

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct 19th 1816

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and inclosed statements of the ore lots, and also of your letter of the 12th inst. The coins coined for the annual assay, with a description of their values.

By Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

H. Hellegraph Esq
Actg Secy
Treasy Department

P.S. send the Estimates asked for and the grounds on which they are based I send a S/B to that effect. G. Dyer

J. R. S.

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Mint of the U. S.
Oct. 15th, 1838.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 13th, respecting a draft in my favor on the Collector of New York, for $50,000, which draft was received from the Treasury of the United States by the same mail.

It is but three days since we made a payment of about $180,000 to the house of Prime, Ward, & King, and if we had then had this draft it would have saved trouble and expense both to them and us. At present we have no New York deposite except for about $10,000 - to be made into small coins. It is probable, however, that by waiting a short time, the draft may be made available here without the necessity of bringing the Specie from New York.

I will immediately enter into correspondence with Mr. Bradford, the

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Superintendent of the New Orleans Branch, as to the best means of making payment to all his depositors without further delay, — which ought certainly to be done, if possible.

P. M. P.

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secy of Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Oct. 15th, 1838.

Sir,

I have received, from the Bank of the United States, ~~an order on~~ a transfer of $50,000 from a deposite which they had made ~~to~~ in the Mint for ~~you~~ the draft sent to me from your department, on the Custom House at ~~at~~ at Yark for the same amount. This amount is therefore now placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on our books, under the 21st Sect. of the Act of 18th Jan. 1837.

To make it available ~~for~~ to the New Orleans Mint, it is necessary that we receive an order to place it to the credit of the Treasurer of that ~~the~~ Branch, so that he may give drafts on us for amounts due by him to depositors, or endorse this Mint certificate to or to order them

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payable here. If you will cause this transfer to be made, I will immediately give the necessary instructions to the Superintendent & the other Mint & Assistants for making this fund available to his operations.

R. M. P.

To Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Oct. 20. 1838.

Sir,

On the 11th inst. a deposite of $50,000 was made by the government in this Mint, with the intention on the part of the Secretary of the Treasury, of making it available to your Branch for the payment of your Certificates, to that amount, now outstanding in consequence of your want of Coins. I have asked the Secretary to have this deposite transferred to your credit, and, when he shall do so, and you receive information from us to that effect, your Treasurer may then endorse any of the Certificates issued by an order upon this Mint, and the amount will be paid on presentation here.

I propose this plan on the assurance that it will be perfectly satisfactory to most of the holders of your Certificates. If it prove otherwise, let me know, and measures shall be taken for transferring Coins to your vaults.

My respects.

Yr faithfl Servt

Signed R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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Mint of the United States,
Oct. 22d, 1838.

Sir,

Agreeably to your request, Dr. Patterson made the appointment of a Clerk of the Weigh-room for your Branch. The person appointed, Mr. William E. Stafford, signified his acceptance on Saturday last, just as Dr. Patterson was upon the point of starting for Virginia, for an absence of a few days. Being thus prevented from writing to you himself, he desired me to inform you of this appointment.

It will be proper to add, that Mr. Stafford came recommended to the Director, as a gentleman of integrity and ~~superior~~ abilities, and in all respects well adapted for the post to which he has been assigned. This representation will doubtless be confirmed by Mr. Maxwell, who has long been acquainted with him.

Mr. Stafford is at present a clerk in the Mechanics Bank of this city. In a few days he will take the necessary oath of office, and execute a bond to you in the sum of five thousand dollars, with Mr. Samuel Browne, of the firm of Browne & Robb, & Mr. Anthony Eller, of the house of Eller & Ruddock, as his sureties: those gentlemen having been approved by the Director. As soon as those papers are executed, they will be forwarded to you.

Mr. Stafford will remain here a few weeks, to acquaint himself with our system of accounts, and to become

familiar with the ~~duty~~ art of weighing, &c. so as to be prepared to enter at once upon the performance of ~~the duties~~ his duties, upon arriving at New Orleans.

He will be expected to leave this city by the first of December at farthest, and as much earlier as ~~possible~~ his arrangements will admit.

Yours, very respectfully,

R. M. Patterson, Director,

per Geo. T. Dunning,

Director's Clerk.

To/ David Bradford, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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Mint of the United States,
Oct. 26. 1838.

Sir,

On the 22d inst., I informed you of the appointment of Mr. Stafford; and I now enclose his oath of office, & bond, in the sum of $500., with Mr. Samuel Browne, & Mr. M. W. Baldwin, as sureties.

Mr. Baldwin, (an extensive manufacturer, well known to Messrs. Tyler & Maxwell,) has been substituted as surety in the stead of Mr. Elton, named in my last: that gentleman being under a stipulation with his partner in business, which impedes his entering into surety, of which fact Mr. Stafford was not aware at the time he was named.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c,
R. M. P. Director,
per Geo. F. Downing,
Director's Clk.

To
David Bradford, Esq,
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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To)
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 22. 1838.

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Mint of the United States,
November 2d, 1838.

Respected Sir,

As you are about making your requisition on the Treasury Department for the appropriation for the payment of Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint for the year 1839, I beg leave to solicit your interest on my behalf, in favor of an increase of Salary commencing with the 1st, quarter of that year.

I would respectfully suggest, that a similar compensation be allowed me, as is granted to the Book-keeper of the N. O. Branch and the Treasurer's Clerks of this Mint.

With great respect,
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Edelman.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Mint U. S.
Nov. 7th, 1838.

Sir,

Mr. Tyler set out to-day, for New Orleans, by sea. He has been detained here, first by serious indisposition, and lastly by the lowness of the waters of the Ohio, which has finally forced him to change his route. I hope that you will lose no time in hastening your proceedings after his arrival, so as to enable you to make a respectable report of the amount of coinage, at the end of the year. Your letter of Oct. 2d, delivered to me in a letter received by Mr. Tyler on the 8th of Sept., you state that he was charged by you with several essential errands to be executed here for your Mint, and you ask whether his travelling expenses to Philadelphia and back may not be paid by you. I answer, that, his fully [illegible] of the embarrassments to which Mr. Tyler has been

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subjected by the disappointing of his salary to his expenses, I should be very happy to be kind enough from the expense necessary expenses of his own personal journey to this city and back, and that I think you would be justified in making him the allowance from your contingent fund, ~~&~~ on the ground you have taken, if you deem his services for your mint, while here, to have been of ~~compensation~~ a degree of importance corresponding to the expense. I would be cautious, however, how I ~~would~~ the officers of the Mint to such a distance to transact business of any kind, ~~at least with~~ ~~authority by your letter~~ unless in case of great necessity.

Mr Stafford, who has been selected as your new Clerk, is constantly with us, engaged in acquiring a practical acquaintance with his duties. He will have been in the course of two or three

weeks.

I have not yet received the estimate for 1839, and am unwilling in making one out myself, from not knowing probable unexpended balances at the close of the present year.

P. M.

To David Bradford, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

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P. M. P.

To/
David Bradford, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

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U S B Mint New Orleans
Nov.r 16th 1838

Sir

In Compliance with your letter of the 13th ult.o enclosed you will receive a Statement of "Bullion deposited for Coinage" in this Branch for the months of March, April, May, June and July viz: from the Commencement of operations in this Branch to the suspension in August last.

The "Fineness" is in some instances not set down as in some of the deposites there were upwards of a dozen different assays and different qualities of fineness. I enclose a Copy of the Assayers Report of Deposit No.5, and Deposite No.1.

The Coins executed were delivered on one warrant, and of one denomination, as per inclosed statement.

Workmen have been engaged in fitting up the Treasurers Vault since the Reception of your letter which has delayed this answer.

Any further statement or information you may desire it will afford me pleasure to furnish

To
Dr R M Patterson
Director
Mint
Philad.a

Very Respectfully
Y.r Obed.t Serv.t
David Bradford
Supt.

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Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month ending 31st March 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross wt after Melting	Fineness	Standard Weight	Value before deductions	Value after deductions
1838 March	8	Foreign Bullion	20.208 25		21.334 32	24.825 44	23.953 11
	"	ditto	4.640 25		4.958 96	5.770 42	5.565 78
	"	ditto	1.125 50	949	1.186 77	1.380 96	1.373 65
	"	ditto	1.536 25		1.696 37	1.973 95	1.965 86
	27	ditto	13.104 45		13.667 57	15.903 90	15.338 73
✓			40.614 70		42.843 99	49.854 62	48.291 13

Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month ending 30th April 1838.

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross wt after Melting	Fineness	Standard Weight	Value before deductions	Value after deductions
1838 April	10	Foreign Coin	87 50	899	87 40	101 70	101 70
	"	Foreign Bullion	11.447 35		12.273 29	14.281 62	13.960 24
	"	Foreign Coin	567 .	896	564 48	656 85	656 85
	"	Foreign Coin & Bullion	4.141 10		4.404 44	5.125 16	5.115 96
	12	Foreign Bullion	40.116 20		44.476 24	51.754 12	51.472 62
✓	24	ditto	1.256 80	951	1.368 51	1.592 42	1.588 32
	27	ditto	290 25	938	302 50	352 .	350 13
	"	Foreign Coin	8461 70		7.586 51	8.827 93	8.827 93
	"	Foreign Bullion	454	766	386 41	449 64	449 64
			66.821 90		71.449 78	83.141 44	82.523 39

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Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending May 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting		Fineness	Standard Weight		Value before deducting		Value after deducting	
May 1838	9	Foreign Bullion	4851	75		5.181	30	3.029	14	5.819	53
	14	Foreign Coins	306	50	885	295	50	343	85	343	85
	18	Foreign Bullion	13.798	35		15.119	48	17.593	57	12.545	26
	25	Foreign Coins	167	25	883	164	09	190	94	190	94
			19.117	85		20.760	37	24.157	50	23.899	65

Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending 30th June 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting		Fineness	Standard Weight		Value before deducting		Value after deducting	
June 1838	2	Foreign Coins & Foreign Bullion	312	50	918	318	25	370	91	369	95
	4	Foreign Coins	457	10	897	455	52	530	12	530	12
	5	ditto	119	90	856	118	03	137	34	137	34
	9	ditto	92	.	874	94	20	109	61	109	61
	21	Foreign Bullion	31.494	10		34.790	43	40.488	40	40.268	57
	22	ditto	5.399	60		5.808	60	6.759	33	6.725	52
	23	Foreign Coins	95	50	862	89	55	104	20	104	20
	27	Foreign Bullion	3.677	15		4.031	59	4.691	31	4.679	22
	27	Foreign Coins	1.024	80	880	1.002	10	1.165	99	1.165	99
			42.675	85		46.291	95	54.352	21	54.108	52

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Silver deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending 31st July 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Amt. per after Melting		Fine- ness	Standard Weight		Value before deduction		Value after deduction	
July 1838	7	Foreign Coins	102	25	873	99	16	115	40	115	40
	10	ditto	159	50	894	143	80	171	98	171	98
	11	ditto	132	.	825	133	20	155	.	155	.
	12	Foreign Coins & Foreign Bullion	521	50	932	540	04	628	41	627	33
	19	Foreign Bullion	123	25	908	124	65	145	27	145	27
	"	Foreign Coins	251	.	875	244	03	285	96	285	96
			1.295	.		1.289	10	1.511	02	1.490	94

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Gold deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending March 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of deposite	Gross dst after Melting		Fine-ness	Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions	
1838 March	8	Foreign Bullion (ext from Silver)	.	.		455	209	8.476	60	8.454	90
"	"	Foreign Bullion	71	35	786	62	318	1.159	24	1.155	24
"	"	Foreign Bullion (ext from Silver)	"	"		37	260	693	20	691	91
"	13	U.S. Bullion	9	35	906	9	417	175	20	175	21
"	27	Foreign Bullion (ext from Silver)	"	"		661	829	12.313	88	12.290	25
√						1.226	115	22.811	32	22.771	50

Gold deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the month ending april 30th, 1838

When deposited		Kind of deposite	Gross dst after Melting		Fine-ness	Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions	
April	7	U.S. Bullion	11	075	843	10	373	192	98	192	98
	10	Foreign Bullion (ext from Silver)				93	954	1.749	16	1.745	92
	12	ditto (ditto)				42	152	877	84	875	72
	20	Foreign Bullion	120	37	887	118	632	2.207	10	2.207	10
	"	ditto	36	55	890	36	144	672	44	672	44
√						306	265	5.699	02	5.694	16

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Gold deposited received at the Branch Mint New Orleans, during the month ending May 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting	Fine-ness	Standard Weight	Value before deduction	Value after deduction
1838 May	2	Foreign Bullion	29 15	985	31 900	593 48	592 39
	9	ditto	82 50	780	84 167	1.002 75	1.002 75
	.	ditto (Extracted from the	. .		21 563	401 17	400 43
	14	Foreign Coins	9 40	890	9 295	172 93	172 93
	25	U S. Bullion (Geo)	17 55	907	17 685	329 02	329 02
					134 610	2504 35	2502 52

Gold deposited received at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending June 30th 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting	Fine-ness	Standard Weight	Value before deduction	Value after deduction
1838 June	9	Foreign Coins	4 .	884	3 937	73 24	73 24
	22	Foreign Bullion (extracted from the			20 547	382 31	381 61
					24 484	455 55	454 85

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Silver coinage executed at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month ending July 31st 1838

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dolls	cts	Remarks
Eagles	367434	3674340		

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Gold deposited received at the Branch Mint at New-Orleans during the month ending July 31st 1838

When deposited		Kind of Deposite	Gross Wt after Melting		Fine ness	Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions	
1838 July	2	Foreign Bullion	14	15	515	8	097	150	64	150	64
	18	ditto	13	45	780	11	657	216	87	216	87
	12	ditto	21	60	465	11	160	207	62	207	62
			49	20		30	914	575	13	575	13

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U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
November 18th 1838.

Sir,

After Consulting with Mr. Forstall, Dr. Hort (who arrived here on the 7th inst.) and Mr. Gordon, I have come to the following Estimate for an appropriation for this Branch for next year viz:

For Officers and clerks	$12.000
Laborers	30.000
Incidental and contingent Expenses wastage of gold and silver	16.000
Iron, steel, lead, Castings, Chemical agents, copper for alloy, zinc, oil, tallow, crucibles, melting pots and repairs	10.000
Wood and coal for the Stationary Engine and furnaces and the different offices	8.000
Stationary water rent and taxes	1.000
	$77.900

In the above estimate for laborers is included the sum of $4300 which we think required to pay the guard; $1460, the door keeper and porter and an additional man as fireman. I wrote you by Mr. Tyler that I thought he ought to have an assistant to whom at least $1500 would have to be given. I am unable to state what the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this Branch is. I will, as soon as the Clerk can make it out for me, send you a statement of the amount we have received from the Dep.t of the Treas.y from which you will be enabled to ascertain it. The Gaslight & Banking Company of this City proposed placing the fixtures for lighting this Branch Mint with Eight lights for 1500 dollars which the Treas.r & the payer

considered too much. I made an appointment with the agent to come and see if we could not make out with fewer lights and have the fixtures arranged more reasonably, but he has not as yet called.

I had the pleasure of sending by the ordinary mail on the 16th inst, the statement of deposits from the Commencement of operations to the 1st of August

I shall write you more fully next mail.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Svt

David Bradford

Supt

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U S B Mint New Orleans
November 22nd 1838

Sir

I left this on the 4th of August and remained with my family at Bayou Sara till the 10th of September when I returned to expedite the works that had to be finished before resuming operations. Dr Hort had written me that Mitchell the contractor for the masonry had not done any thing at taking down the granite centre stairs and putting up others. Immediately on my arrival I called on Mr Gordon whose health has been very infirm, and we concluded to give Mitchell notice that if he did not without delay commence the stairs another person would be engaged to do it. This had the desired effect. The work was straitway begun and has been completed to my satisfaction. At the same time I notified Mitchell and the sub contractor for enclosing the lot that if that work did not progress without interruption the same measures would be adopted: and I am happy at stating that the enclosing the lot was completed by the 1st of October. Three lightning rods have been put up; and the Treasurers Vault has been encased with flat iron bars. The front and rear spaces near the Gates have been paved with hexagonal wooden blocks and the interiour yards with flag stones as also the walks from the front to the entrances of the Residences.

I was very sorry to find from your letter of the 18th of August that Mr Tyler did not reach Philad.a as soon as we expected he would when he left this, and of his great indisposition when he did arrive as you informed me in your letter of the 27th Sept.r I am very glad you have Mr Shofford at the Mint acquiring practical information and shall be happy to see him here as soon as he can come.

I am sorry to inform you that the arrangement proposed in your letter of the 20th October is not agreable to the holders of our Certificates of Deposite The principal holder is the Merchants Bank of this City, Agents of the U S Bank of Penn.a A few days after the reception of the Treasurers Trans.r draft for fifty thousand dollars, the

first Teller called on me with Eighty five thousand dollars in our Certificates to know when we could pay them. I told him we could pay him $50,000 in a draft on the Mint and the Balance as soon as in funds from the Government or from the operations of this Branch. He asked me if I would pay the difference of Exchange. I told him I would not, that if the proposition did not answer, I would inform you and that Coins would be forwarded or probably a draft on the Collector of this port. He then said he would inform the direction of the Bank and have their determination on the matter and left me, since which I have not seen or heard from him or the Bank. As more than time enough has elapsed I have to submit to your disposition to have the funds forwarded to the treasurer of this Branch so as to be available in paying his Certificates. The Treasurers Draft for $50,000 is made payable to my order and I wish you to direct me particularly whether I must Endorse it and remit it to you or to the treasurer of the U.S. [redacted]

I have the pleasure of informing you that Mr. Tyler and family have arrived in better health than when they left Phila.a

I have not been able to ascertain the unexpended balance of our Appropriations. I have drawn on the Secty of the Treasy since my appointment for Eighty Eight thousand Dollars, $15,000 of latter by, not yet received.

Mr. Maxwell has not yet arrived, but we look for him by every Steamer from up the River, and as some Citizens have got home within a few days back, and I am in hopes when he arrives we will get successfully at business and have a respectable Report to make of our Coinage by the end of the year.

Your Faithful
Humble Servant.
David Bradford
Superintendent

To
Dr. R M Patterson
Director
Mint
Phila.a

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U S B Mint New Orleans
November 24th 1838

Sir,

I have the pleasure of announcing to you that Mr. Maxwell and lady arrived here yesterday in good health from St Louis to which place they had an arduous and tedious journey from Cincinatte. I am satisfied that Mr. M. has used every exertion in his power to be here at the appointed time and has alone been disappointed by the low state of the rivers.

I herewith enclose a Copy of a Statement of the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this Branch which was furnished me last April from Washington from which and the amount, Eighty Eight thousand dollars for which I have drawn since my appointment, you will be able to ascertain exactly the situation of the appropriations for this Branch.

Mr Tyler is unwell this morning. I mentioned to him day before yesterday the estimate I had sent you but we had no detailed investigation of the matter he being engaged in fixing his quarters, but he seemed of opinion I had came near the amount.

Dr. Hort has been so kind at my request as to assist Mr Bisset (Mr. Maxwells foreman) in melting some small Gold deposites and has assayed them this week very much to the accommodation of the depositors.

Dr R M Patterson
Director
Mint
Phila

Your Faithful & obliged
Humble Servant
David Bradford
Supt

"Branch of the Mint at New Orleans

Buildings & Machinery

1838 Feb 26 Warr. No 7711	To R M Patterson	710.00	1838 Jan 1	By Balance	$67.000,00
To Balance		66290,00			
		$67,000			$67.000,00

Wastage on Gold and Contingent Expenses

" March 15. 7794	E. Forstall	1,500,00	1838 Jan 1	By Balance	15.700,00
April 28. 8431	R M Patterson	3,000,00	Appt. Warr No 96		27,100,00
	To Balance	38,300,00			$42 800,00
		$42.800,00			

Apparatus, Tools &c.

No Balance

Salaries &c

" Jan 27. 7582.	E. Forstall	2,444,78	1838 Jan 1.	By balance	12.900,00
March 15. 7794	Do	3.000,00	Appt. Warr No 96		12.900,00
	Balance	20,355,22			
		$25,800.00			$25. 800,00

Compensation to Laborers

" Jan 27. 7582,	E. Forstall	7,555,22	1838 Jan 1	By balance	10.800,00
March 15. 7794	Do	3.000,00	" Appt. Warr No 96		22 000,00
	To Balance	22,244,78			
		32.800,00			$32,800,00

First Comp' Office
Stated 28th April 1839
N. B Van Zandt."

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Mint N C

Nov. 26th 1838.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst., containing the estimate for 1839, asked for in mine of the 27th of Sept., was received this morning. I had found it impossible, however, to wait for this document, and had sent in the estimate of which a copy is subjoined. From this estimate, though much lower than yours, I am still not disposed to vary; though this may be done, during the session of Congress, if any special case can be pointed out by you, on carefully considering this paper.

The estimate for laborers ($22000) is equal to that for fifty workmen at this mint at full wages all the year, and ought assuredly to be sufficient for your twenty workmen, who will probably be on half wages for nearly half the year.

As to the extra hands, if they shall be allowed by law, as I hope they will, a special estimate for this pay should may be included in such law. At present they seem to come (~~out~~ as to

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the ground at least,) under the law of necessity, and must be considered as paid out of your contingent fund.

Your allowance for wastage, supposing the coinage of three millions, would suppose a coinage of upwards of five millions; when, judging from the past, I do not think it will exceed one million. I have supposed your probable wastage not to exceed $4000.

You speak of $1500 for an Assistant to the Coiner. Mr. Tyler will explain to you the serious invincible objection which I entertain to the views which he had on this point, and respecting which he very properly consulted me, with great frankness.

According to our Philadelphia prices, the charge for gas light fixtures made by the Gas Light Company is absurd. I had the gas carried throughout my private residence, with 15 burners, including handsome chandeliers in my parlours, for little than $200. As you seem most

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If my estimate should, in ... judgment, be too low, you ... to remember that your balance ... year lies over, and may be ... as if part of the appropriation ...

Our estimate for 1839, ... new machinery and an appropriation ... a cabinet of coins, is $66,... the printing for offices and clerk ... 20,700 of this amount ...

Very ...

R. M. ...

To

David Bradford, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

With copy of Estimate for N.O. Br.
Explanations - Dec Nov. 22. 1838.

at night I cannot see the necessity of introducing gas at all. Light is needed only for the watch, and oil lamps would surely answer any purpose.

If my estimate should, in your judgment, be too low, you will please to remember that your balance of this year lies over, and may be expended as if part of the appropriation for next

Our estimate for 1839, including new machinery and an appropriation for a cabinet of coins, is $66,000, ~~and the portion for officers and clerks is $ 20,700 of this amount~~

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

R. M. P.

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To

David Bradford, Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.

With copy of Estimate for N.O. Br. for 1839, and Explanations - (See Nov. 22. 1838)

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Copy.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Dec. 3. 1838.

Received of Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, two hundred & twenty three dollars, on account of my salary as Clerk of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, from the 25th day of October to the 31st day of December 1838, and one hundred dollars on account of my travelling expenses hence to New Orleans, altogether the sum of 323 dollars; which sum I bind myself to repay to the said R. M. Patterson, Director, at the end of the present quarter.

$323.—

(Signed) M. E. Stafford.

Witness,
(Signed) Wm. E. Du Bois.

A true Copy,
Geo. F. Denning.
March 22. 1839.

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Boston Dec 4. 1838

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Sir. We wrote you July 6. 1837 relative to our claims for publishing Proposals for building the U. S. Branch Mint at N Orleans, you informed us by letter dated July 20th that you had written Gen Gordon the Commissioner on the subject, who would attend to our claim immediately — since which we have not heard a word relating to it — as our demand is a just one we are desirous of having it paid — will you please inform us if you have rec'd any reply to your letter to Gen Gordon, if not what course you would recommend us to pursue in order to obtain our demand ——

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servts,

Dealy & Greene, Propr.

of Boston Morning Post.

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Mint A L
Dec 5th 1838

Sir,

Mr. William E. Stafford, who, as you are already informed, has been selected as Clerk for your Mint, will hand you this letter. I have every reason to believe that you will find him faithful and competent, and that he will prove an acquisition to your establishment. I have found it necessary to advance to him, on your account, $323. Of this sum $223 is for his salary from the 25th of October, (when he is considered as having entered on the ~~work~~ execution of his duties,) to the end of the year. The remaining sum of $100 was absolutely necessary for him to have his travelling expenses, and if, in your judgment, such an allowance can with propriety be made, and if, it is so made, the account shall pass the audit at Washington, then it will be charged accordingly; if otherwise the sum must be returned to you by Mr. Stafford.

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In either case you will please to
repay to me the whole sum of $223,
in your next remittance.

R. M. S.

Mr David Bradford Esq
Dep. Pay Master
Newburyport

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Mint U. S.
Dec. 5th, 1838.

Sir,

Mr. Stafford has, this morning, by the way of Whitby &c. drawn his obligation for advance made $323, viz. $223 in full for his salary to the end of this year; and $100 for travelling expenses. As to these advances I have given my views in a letter which he will deliver you.

I have endeavored to make arrangements with the Bank of the United States on the subject of your transfer drafts, so as to make it payable here, and I think I shall succeed; but nothing can be done unless I have your draft sent me, endorsed by you pay able to my order, which you will please therefore to do. In the mean while the Bank is content to let this ~~de~~ certificate remain.

Your report of the monthly operations of the New Orleans Mint has been duly received.

R. M. P.

To
David Bradford Esq
Over.

The wife and children of Mr. McNamee, one of your workmen, left with this mans for St. Albans, in the Ship Ottawa. They were not provided with money to pay their passage—money which Mr. McNamee told his wife that he would pay on their arrival. This promise the owner would not accept unless I would become responsible for the payment, and I was obliged to do so, or Mr. McNamee and his children would have been detained, after having sold their furniture & left their house. The amount is, I think, $115. I pray you to see to my interests in this matter.

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Mint U.S.
Dec. 7 — 38.

Sir,

On the 20th of July 1837 I wrote to Gen. Gordon, to call his attention to an outstanding bill, due to Messrs. Bials & Greene, Proprietors of the Boston Morning Post. It was for publishing the proposals for building the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and the amount is $42. I have this morning received another letter from Messrs. Bials & Greene stating that Gen. Gordon had not remitted this payment, and begging my interest in one more in the case. As there seems to be every reason for believing that the claim is a just one, I pray you to see Gen. Gordon, and to ask his attention to it. This dunning for payment of government debts is, to say the least of it, very annoying.

R. M. P.

David Bradford Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Mint U.S.
Dec. 7th 1838.

Gentlemen,

I was surprised to find from your letter of the 4th inst., that your claim on the New Orleans Branch Mint was still unsettled. I have written on the subject to the Superintendent of that Branch, (David Bradford, Esq.) and urged his immediate attention to the matter.

P. M. P.

Messrs. Beals & Greene,
Proprietors of Boston
Morning Post.

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U. S. Mint New Orleans
December 16th 1838

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. by Express Mail only reached here yesterday too late to be answered by yesterdays Mail. I herewith enclose the draft for fifty thousand Dollars endorsed as you directed.

I hope Mr. Bradford will soon arrive tho' I fear he may find the Ohio at Wheeling either too low or frozen

I mentioned to Mr. M. Namee that you had to assume the passage money of his family. He said he was very thankful to you for your friendliness and that he would refund the amount to you through me as soon as practicable. He has always as far as I have observed acted very honorably. He told me he had sent his wife at one time $90. and at another $20, within the last month which not having been received had been the cause of the trouble you had been at.

We have had very bad weather since the arrival of Mr. Tyler and Maxwell – much cold rain dense fogs – so as to make the interiour of the building dripping with water – which made us all unwell and Mr. Tyler quite sick. He is now well and engaged in superintending the erection of an annealing furnace and the general arrangement of his department

Your Faithful Servant
David Bradford
Supt.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director Mint
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Mint U.S.
Dec. 19th 1838.

Sir,

I will thank you to send me, at the close of the year, a statement of the whole amount of Silver and of gold deposited with you for coinage up to that time, and of the amount and kind of coins struck: of the time when you commenced operations, when they were interrupted in Summer, and when they were resumed this fall; and to add any information or remarks which may aid me in making my annual report, so far as regards your Branch.

Please also to inform me what dies for 1839, you desire to have first.

R. M. P.

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Wm. David Bradford, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

I do not wish for a detailed statement, but merely for the total amounts.

Treasury Department
Dec^r. 21. 1838.

Sir

I have to request your attention to the enclosed extracts from a letter addressed by the Assayer of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans to the Hon. Sec^y. Dr. Benton

Very Respectfully
Your Obed^t. Serv^t
Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treas^y.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Mint. N. O.

Dec. 26th 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., enclosing the strictures of Dr. Hart.

As to the permission which was granted to the northern officers and men attached to the New Orleans Branch Mint to be absent during the first Summer, I need do nothing more than refer you to the correspondence between us, on this subject, in June last, the result of which I think will show the Course that was taken satisfactory to any candid individual.

Dr. Hart in one of his paragraphs, (the last paragraph) seems to insinuate, that, while there are persons in New Orleans, well qualified to fill any of the offices at the Mint, their claims have been overlooked in favor of northern men, who have to leave the city during the Summer months for the benefit of their health.

As one is better acquainted than

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them yourself with the difficulty that was met with in inducing any persons to accept the two offices which have been filled at the New Orleans mint by northern men. There are certainly no applications or nominations for those offices from New Orleans, at least none that come to my knowledge. I fear, indeed, that in case of a vacancy, the same difficulty would occur, notwithstanding the opinion expressed by Dr. Hunt to the contrary, and my reason for so supposing is that the place of Clerk of the Mint room having become vacant last summer, the Superintendent was under the necessity of applying to the north for a suitable individual to supply the [illegible] situation.

(To right 2d paragraph)

Col. Sylvester arrived at Northampton within a day or two after the date of Dr. Hunt's letter to Col. Benton, having been detained three weeks beyond the time of his leave of absence, by serious indisposition. Mr. Maxwell did not come further north than Cincinnati, where he was also detained by the sickness of his

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(Sd)
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasy.

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